



COUNTY OF LOUISA

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Chris Coon, Deputy County Administrator

DATE: March 11, 2025

RE: Chapter 62 Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment

Purpose:

This proposes amendments to Chapter 62 of the Louisa County Code, Solid Waste. The current ordinance has not been comprehensively updated since 2004. The proposed changes are designed to enhance enforcement, modernize definitions, and focus on initiatives with the greatest impact, particularly those holding commercial haulers accountable for litter control and proper waste management practices.

Background:

The Board of Supervisors established a Litter Workgroup in 2024 to review the County's solid waste and litter control regulations. Supervisors Jones and McCotter led the effort, supported by staff. The Workgroup's charge was to focus on areas where targeted revisions would result in tangible improvements in litter control and overall community appearance.

Over the past year, the Workgroup identified several priority areas, including the need to:

- Modernize and clarify key definitions in Chapter 62
- Establish stronger enforcement mechanisms for commercial haulers, ensuring loads are properly secured to prevent debris on roadways
- Define the responsibilities of property owners, businesses, and institutions to maintain litter-free surroundings
- Enhance penalties for violations and establish a clear process for remediation and cost recovery through liens when necessary.

The amendments also bring the ordinance into alignment with the Code of Virginia and state best practices, ensuring consistency and improved enforceability.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments to Chapter 62, Solid Waste. These revisions emphasize public health and safety, while promoting accountability, particularly among commercial waste haulers whose practices significantly impact roadway cleanliness.

The proposed amendments have been carefully crafted to address persistent litter issues and ensure a cleaner, safer Louisa County for residents and visitors.