

TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECYCLING ORDINANCE

SEC. I PURPOSE

There is hereby established a program for the mandatory separation of recyclables from garbage or rubbish within the Town of Brookfield to comply with Public Act 90-220 and its subsequent regulations mandating recycling, thereby providing for the health and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Brookfield.

SEC. II DEFINITIONS

As used in this ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings herein defined:

1. Board: The Board of Selectmen of Brookfield. When used in reference to a voting body, it shall be taken to include the phrase "or a majority thereof".
2. Cardboard: Corrugated boxes and similar material and kraft paper materials which are unwaxed and have a minimum of contamination by food or other material.
3. Commingled: Mixed recyclables that are collected together.
4. Collector: Any person who holds himself out to collect refuse, or solid waste or recyclables from residential, commercial, industrial, or other establishments.
5. DEP: The Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut.
6. Dry Cell Battery: Any device used in generating electric current through a chemical reaction including, but not limited to, nickel-cadmium batteries, carbon batteries, and alkaline batteries.
7. Glass Food Container: A glass bottle or jar of any size or shape used to package food products suitable for human or animal consumption with a minimum of contamination by food or other materials.

8. H.D.P.E. Container: Any high-density polyethylene bottle or container of any size or shape used to store food, household laundry detergent, or other non-hazardous or toxic materials.
9. Housatonic Recycling Region: A region consisting of those municipalities which are participating in a regional recycling program under the management of HRRA.
10. HRRA: Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority.
11. IPC: Intermediate processing center which receives, processes, and markets recyclables.
12. Leaves: The foliage of trees.
13. Mandated Recyclables: Those recyclables which have been designated by the DEP and any additional items which have been designated by the Board that are mandated to be recycled within the municipality.

Those items currently designated as mandated are as follows:

- a) Cardboard
  - b) Glass Food Containers
  - c) Leaves
  - d) Metal Food Containers
  - e) Newspapers
  - f) Office Paper
  - g) Scrap Metal
  - h) Storage Batteries
  - i) Waste Oil
14. Metal Food Container: An aluminum, bi-metal, tin plated steel, or other metallic can, plate, or tray of any size used to package food for human or animal consumption which has a minimum of contamination by food or other materials.
  15. Municipality: The Town of Brookfield.
  16. Municipal Agent: The person designated by the Board to administer the notice and enforcement provisions of this Ordinance.
  17. Newspaper: Used or discarded newsprint, including newspaper advertisements, supplements, comics, and newsprint-type enclosures which has a minimum of contamination by food or other material.

18. Office Paper: Any used or discarded high grade white paper and Manila Paper including, but not limited to, paper used for file folders, tab cards, writing, typing, printing, computer printing, and photo-copying, which is suitable for recycling and which has a minimum of contamination. For purposes of this Ordinance, the foregoing definition of office paper shall exclude any such paper generated from residential sources.
19. Optional Recyclables: Those recyclables which may be designated to be recycled by the DEP or Board to be recycled through a voluntary or mandatory pilot recycling program.

Those items currently designated as optional recyclables are as follows:

- a) Dry-Cell Batteries
  - b) Grass Clippings
  - c) HDPE Plastic Containers
  - d) Pet Plastic Containers
  - e) Magazines and other non-magazine printed matter.
  - f) Scrap Tires
  - g) Yard Waste
20. Person: Any individual, corporation, partnership, association, or other entity or organization, either public or private, of any kind.
  21. Recyclables: Any item designated by the DEP or Board which can be separated or diverted as defined below under "Recycle".
  22. Recycle: To separate or divert an item or items from the Solid Waste stream for the purposes of processing it, causing it to be processed, or storing it for later processing into a material product, including the production of compost, in order to provide for disposition of the item or items in a manner, other than incineration or landfilling, which will best protect the environment. Nothing in this definition shall preclude the use of Waste Oil as a fuel in an oil burner, or Scrap Tires as fuel in an incinerator.
  23. Recycling Container: Any container designated by the Board for use as a residential curbside recycling container for the storage and curbside collection of recyclables.

24. Recycling Center: The municipality's recycling drop-off facility, area, or areas as designated by the Board.
25. Residential Property: Real estate containing one or more dwelling units, but shall not include hospitals, motels, hotels, or nursing homes.
26. Scrap Metal: Used or discarded items which consist predominantly of ferrous metals, aluminum, brass, lead, chromium, iron, nickel, or alloys thereof including, but not limited to, white goods and metal food containers.
27. Scrap Tires: Discarded rubber or synthetic rubber tires used by or manufactured for vehicles including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, buses, tractors, and trailers.
28. Storage Battery: Lead acid batteries or other batteries used in motor vehicles such as automobiles, airplanes, boats, recreational vehicles, tractors, and like applications.
29. Waste Oil: Crankcase oil that has been utilized in internal combustion engines.

### SEC. III SEPARATION AND COLLECTION

1. Separation: On or after January 1, 1991, (1) each person who generates solid waste from residential property within the municipality shall separate from other solid waste those items designated as mandatory recyclables and (2) every other person who generates solid waste shall make provision for the separation from other solid waste of those items designated as mandatory recyclables.
2. Glass and Metal Food and Beverage Containers: Glass and metal food containers shall be treated as a single product for collection and shall be placed commingled in the residential recycling container rinsed and free of contamination, but without requiring the removal of lids, labels, etc. Glass shall be unbroken and shall not include dishes, crockery, spark plugs, or plate or window glass.
3. Newspaper: Newspaper shall be tightly packed in kraft grocery bags or tied in bundles not exceeding (50) pounds in weight.

4. Corrugated Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and tied into bundles not exceeding (50) pounds in weight and set next to or under the residential recycling container.
5. Only recyclables generated from residential sources shall be placed for residential curbside collection. The collector shall deliver all recyclables from residential properties to such locations as shall be designated by the Board from time to time.
6. Multi-Family Collection:
  - a) With respect to multi-family residential dwellings which are common interest communities or condominiums, it shall be the responsibility of the unit owners association to educate the unit owners with reference to the need and techniques for recycling and to either establish a residential curbside collection program for recyclables for each dwelling unit or to provide at a convenient location, containers of sufficient size and quantity to receive recyclable materials to be collected from the dwelling units they are intended to serve and to clearly label said containers for their intended use.
  - b) With respect to multi-family residential dwellings which are rental units, it shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property to educate the tenants with reference to the need and techniques for recycling and to either establish a residential curbside collection program for recyclables for each dwelling unit or to provide at a convenient location, containers of sufficient size and quantity to receive recyclable materials to be collected from the dwelling units they are intended to serve and to clearly label said containers for their intended use.
7. Other Residential Collection: All residents who are not served by a collector shall arrange to dispose of their recyclables at such drop-off locations as the Board shall prescribe. Occupants of premises within the municipality must apply for a permit to be able to dispose of these recyclables and said permit shall be displayed in a manner as the Director shall prescribe. Said permit may be revoked or suspended for the reasons and in a manner prescribed for commercial licenses, and appeals therefrom may be taken in the same manner.

8. **Other Residential Recyclables:** All other mandatory recyclables generated from residential properties and not collected by residential curbside collection shall be delivered to such drop-off locations as the Board shall prescribe.
9. **Recyclables from Outside the Municipality:** The dumping or disposal of recyclables at any location as designated by the Board from a source outside of the municipality shall be prohibited. Any dumping or disposal of recyclables from a source outside the municipality at a regionally designated IPC in the name of the municipality shall be prohibited.
10. **Collection, Handling, and Disposal:** Collection, handling and disposal of recyclables within or on behalf of the municipality shall only be carried out by persons licensed by the municipality and in accordance with all state and federal laws including, but not limited to, the Public Health Code of the State of Connecticut as it shall be amended from time to time, and in a manner as not to pose a hazard or potential hazard to public travel, health, or safety or to become a nuisance of any sort. Any recyclables collected or transported within the municipality shall be carried in tightly covered vehicles or in tightly covered containers in or on such vehicles. Any recyclables which are collected or transported in open top vehicles shall be suitably covered so as to prevent scattering litter upon the streets. All vehicles used for collection or transportation of recyclables within the municipality shall be subject to approval of the Municipal Agent.
11. **Anti-scavenging:** Upon placement of recyclables out for residential curbside collection, or upon delivery to any disposal location designated by the Board pursuant to provisions of this ordinance, it shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person other than the collector or the authorized agents of the municipality acting in the course of their employment, to collect or pick up any such recyclables, or cause the same to be collected or picked up.

In addition to the fine imposed for violation of this provision, the violator may be required to make restitution to the municipality for the value of any materials illegally removed. Each and every such collection or pickup in violation of this section from one or more locations shall constitute a separate and distinct violation.

13. Nothing in this ordinance shall abridge the right of any person to give or sell their recyclables, including deposit beverage containers, to any person provided that such materials have not been set out for residential curbside collection or delivered to any disposal location designated by the Board.

#### SEC. IV AUTHORITY AND POWERS

1. The municipality shall, through the Board, designate where the following items generated from residential properties shall be taken for processing or sale: (1) cardboard, (2) glass food and beverage containers, (3) leaves, (4) metal food and beverage containers, (5) newspapers, (6) storage batteries, and (7) waste oil. The processing or sale of such items at any other area shall be prohibited.

2. The Board shall not give less than sixty (60) days notice of its intent to designate where these items from the residential properties shall be taken for processing or sale to all licensed collectors hauling solid waste or such items of the municipality. At the conclusion of such period, the Board shall cause notice of such designation to appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality and shall conduct a public hearing thereon.

3. The Board is hereby authorized to enact, from time to time, by resolution, such regulations as it shall deem in the public interest regarding separation, collection, recovery, removal, and storage of recyclables and enforcement of this Ordinance.

4. The First Selectman shall, and is granted the authority to, designate a person to be contacted by the DEP with inquiries regarding the recycling program.

5. The First Selectman shall, and is granted the authority to, designate a Municipal Agent to receive complaints and notices of violations of the separation requirements set forth in the Public Act 90-220 and this Ordinance.

6. The Board is hereby authorized to add or delete from time to time, items on the list of mandatory and optional recyclables so long as such action is not in conflict with the Connecticut General Statutes, Department of Environmental Protection regulations, or the Municipal Recycling Service Agreement signed with the HRRRA.

7. The Board is hereby authorized to adopt a fee schedule and a method(s) for ensuring payment of the fees; for depositing any and all recyclables at any municipal or municipally designated, disposal facility for recyclables.

8. The Board, through resolution, shall adopt rules and regulations, from time to time, governing any practice or procedures contained in this Ordinance provided that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the Connecticut General Statutes, Department of Environmental Protection regulations, or any provisions of this Ordinance.

9. The Board is hereby authorized to employ or make contracts with persons, including the HRRRA, for the separation, collection, transportation, processing, and/or marketing of recyclables, as provided for in Public Act 90-220, Section 2(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes, to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance.

#### SEC. V LICENSING

1. Any person collecting refuse or recyclables generated by residential, business, commercial, or other establishments in the municipality shall annually register his business and each collection vehicle separately with the municipality on forms prescribed by the Municipal Agent upon or before the first day of July. Upon registration and payment of an annual permit fee to be established by regulation by the Board, each such collector shall be permitted to collect or continue the collection of solid waste within the municipality.

2. Each such collector shall disclose the name of any other municipality in which such collector hauls such solid waste. The door of any private vehicle used to haul solid waste shall be clearly marked with the business name and address of the collector. Registrations shall not be transferable from vehicle to vehicle.

3. The Board is authorized and empowered prior to issuing a license to require evidence of liability insurance in effect covering all vehicles to be used to collect recyclables.

4. The Board may further require that any collector tipping recyclables at the IPC or other recycling facility designated by the Board, shall maintain a performance bond, or other means to ensure payment, with the vendor of that IPC or the municipality.

5. When any licensee shall sell or transfer all or part of his route to another Refuse Collector presently licensed to collect refuse in the municipality, he shall forthwith give written notice to the Director at least seven (7) days before the date of the sale or transfer stating the name of the buyer or transferee and the date of such sale or transfer.

6. No collector shall be required to provide collection services to any customer who is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in the payment of the collector's fee. If the delinquent customer shall discharge his delinquency, the collector shall immediately resume collection services to the customer.

7. No license shall be issued to any refuse or recyclables collector whose permit has been previously revoked twice. For purposes of this section, the ownership of collectors shall be determined pursuant to the standards set forth in this Ordinance in Section V9.

8. During the period of any licensee suspension, no license shall be issued:

(a) To any person who is or was an owner of or partner in any unincorporated business whose license, during the period of said ownership, was revoked under the terms of this Ordinance or who owns or owned fifty percent (50%) or more of the stock of any corporation whose license, during the period of said ownership, was revoked under the terms of this Ordinance.

(b) To any partnership or unincorporated business in which any owner or partner is or was the owner of or partner in any unincorporated business whose license, during the period of said ownership, was revoked under the terms of this Ordinance or in which any partner or owner owns or owned fifty percent or more of the stock of any corporation whose license, during the period of said ownership, was revoked under the terms of this Ordinance.

(c) To any corporation in which the owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the stock is or was the owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the stock of any corporation whose license, during the period of said ownership, was revoked under the terms of this Ordinance or is or was the owner of or partner in any unincorporated business whose license, during the period of said ownership, was revoked under the terms of this Ordinance.

9. For purposes of the computation of the ownership of stock in any corporation or the interest in any partnership or unincorporated business under the provisions of this section, the interest of any person shall include:

a) Any beneficial interest held for the benefit of said person or for the benefit of any person of the type set forth in section (b) or (c) hereof, whether in trust or otherwise.

b) Any interest owned by the spouse of said person, if said person and said spouse shall file a joint tax return for purposes of Federal and State tax.

c) Any interest owned by any person whom said person shall claim as a dependent upon his or her Federal or State tax return.

10. The Board may require of any licensee or license applicant such information, under oath, as it deems necessary for purposes of enforcement of this section. To the extent permitted by law, such information shall not be disclosed, except to the extent necessary for the determination, by the appropriate municipal authorities, as to the compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

11. The license of any collector shall, after notice and hearing pursuant to this Ordinance, be revoked for the violations listed in this Ordinance. In addition, said collector shall be prohibited from dumping or depositing any recyclables at the regional IPC or any other recycling facility designated by the Board for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such license revocation.

12. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any collector to deposit recyclables at any location other than a recycling facility which has been designated by the Board.

13. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance if any collector makes any misrepresentations or omits any pertinent information from his permit application or fails or refuses to provide the Board with any information required by the Board or by the DEP.

14. It shall be a violation of this Ordinance for any collector to deposit at the recycling facility any material other than mandated recyclable and optional recyclable which have been designated by the Board for recycling.

## SEC. VI INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS

1. Prior to any action pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Board shall hold a hearing, pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(a) The First Selectman may cause the Municipal Agent to investigate any allegation of a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, and, if he or she shall determine that there is probable cause to believe that such a violation has occurred, he or she shall refer said matter to the Board for a hearing.

(b) The First Selectman who, pursuant to the provisions of this section, shall preside at said hearing shall give notice of the time and place of said hearing and a general statement of the alleged violation, including the date thereof, to the licensee by mailing such notice, certified mail, return receipt requested, not less than seven (7) days prior to the date of said hearing, to the address of the licensee or person.

(c) The First Selectman shall preside at said hearing unless said First Selectman shall be disqualified, in which event a Selectman shall preside.

(d) The licensee or person and the municipality shall have the right to be represented by counsel.

(e) All witnesses at said hearing shall be placed under oath, and each party shall have an opportunity to cross-examine all witnesses to be presented by the other.

(f) Unless both the municipality and the licensee or person shall waive the keeping of a transcript, a verbatim record of said proceeding shall be kept. Either party shall have the right to order a copy of said record upon the payment, in advance, of the cost thereof.

(g) The rules of evidence shall not apply to any proceeding hereunder, and subject to the provisions of this section, the presiding Selectman shall be permitted to accept such evidence as he or she shall deem appropriate.

(h) In the event that any member of the Board shall be a witness in the proceedings, he or she shall be disqualified to act upon said complaint.

(i) In the event any member of the Board shall be disqualified to act upon said complaint for any reason, the remaining members of the Board shall select an elector of the municipality to replace said disqualified member at said hearing.

2. In the event that the Board shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence, that the licensee or person is in violation of any section of this Ordinance, the First Selectman shall take such action as may be proper under the provisions of this Ordinance. Notice of such action shall be given to the licensee or person, in writing, by mailing thereof, certified mail, return receipt requested, to said licensee or person, not less than five (5) days prior to the effective date of said action.

## SEC. VII COMPLIANCE

On or after January 1, 1991, any collector who has reason to believe that a person from whom he collects solid waste has discarded recyclable items with such solid waste in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance or of Section 22a-241b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, shall promptly notify the municipal agent of the alleged violation. Upon the request of the municipal agent, a collector shall provide warning notices, by the placement of tags to any person suspected by the collector or the municipality of violating the separation requirements of state law or this Ordinance. Each collector shall also be required to assist the municipality in the identification of any person responsible for creating loads containing significant quantities of items subject to the separation requirements of state law or this Ordinance which are delivered to a resources recovery facility or solid waste facility by the collector and detected by the owner or operator of such a facility pursuant to Subsection (b) of Section 22a-220 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

## SEC. VIII ENFORCEMENT

1. Any collector found to have violated the separation and collection requirements of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. In addition, the municipality reserves the right to suspend or revoke the license of any such collector. Any collector whose license is either suspended or revoked as provided for herein shall be entitled to a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Ordinances.

2. Any person who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to the following penalties:

(a) Upon a first or second offense, the violator shall receive a written warning.

(b) Upon a third offense occurring within a period of one year from the date of the original offense, the violator shall be subject to a fine in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(c) Upon any subsequent offense occurring within the period of one (1) year from the date of the original offense, the violator shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and, in addition, shall be refused recycling collection.

3. In accordance with the authority provided in Section 2 of Public Act No. 90-249, any commercial establishment that is found to have violated the provisions of Subsection (c) of Section 22a-241b of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be subject to a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each such violation.

4. Any person who violates any other provision of this Ordinance shall be subject to a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each such offense.

SEC. IX MISCELLANEOUS

Should any provisions of this Ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of other provisions or of this ordinance as a whole, it being the legislative intent that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable and that the balance of this Ordinance shall remain valid notwithstanding such declaration.

Except as otherwise specifically provided for, the provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect on the 21st day after its adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Brookfield this 4th day of February, 1991.

Bonnie P. Smith  
Bonnie P. Smith

Allan D. Sniffin  
Allan D. Sniffin

Patricia K. McAleer  
Patricia K. McAleer,  
Selectmen of the Town of  
Brookfield

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 14, 1991

ATTEST: Ruth B. Burr  
Ruth B. Burr, Town Clerk

BROOKFIELD RECYCLES  
1991-92

CURBSIDE RECYCLING - Residential Properties

Curbside recycling is provided by private waste disposal haulers in coordination with their regular trash collection.

Waste Management of Connecticut (354-2211)

- ...green recycling bins provided by Waste Management
- ...pick-up day same as trash collection day
- ...items collected:
  - clean glass bottles and food containers  
(labels may be left on - lids should be removed)
  - clean metal food containers  
(aluminum, bi-metal, tin plated)
  - newspapers - tied or bundled in brown paper bags  
(not more than 50 lbs. per bundle)
  - corrugated cardboard - tied  
(not more than 50 lbs. per bundle)
- ...\$3.00 per month

Thomas Refuse (775-2403)

- ...blue bags - first 11 bags provided by Thomas Refuse  
(additional bags may be purchased at local grocery stores - box of 10 @ \$1.39 per box)
- ...pick up same day as trash collection day
- ...items collected:
  - clean glass food and beverage containers  
(lables may be left on - lids should be removed)
  - clean metal food and beverage containers  
(aluminum - tin plated)
  - clean aluminum foil products  
(example: TV dinner trays, pie plates)
  - clean plastic food and beverage containers PET 1, HDPE 2  
(example: plastic peanut butter jar, plastic milk container)
  - dry and unsoiled newspaper - tied  
(no higher than 12 inches)
  - corrugated cardboard - tied  
(no higher than 12 inches)
- ...\$3.75 per month

RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

The Town of Brookfield has entered into an agreement with the Town of New Milford to permit Brookfield residents to use the New Milford Recycling Drop-Off Center located on Youngstown Road in New Milford, effective July 1, 1991. In order to use the New Milford Drop-Off Center, Brookfield residents must purchase annual permits from the Brookfield Public Works Dept. (1st floor Brookfield Town Hall) and display the permit in the window of their vehicle to provide proof of Brookfield residency. \$35 per year for those items collected at curbside; \$5 per year for items not collected at curbside.

New Milford Drop-Off Center

- ...Location - Youngstown Road, New Milford, CT
- ...Hours - Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ...Items accepted:
  - clean glass food & beverage containers  
(remove lids)
  - clean metal food & beverage containers  
(aluminum - tin)
  - dry newspapers - tied
  - corrugated cardboard - tied
  - branches & leaves
  - bulky waste (couch, rugs, etc.)
- ...There is no fee at New Milford for the above-listed items.

## ...Additional Items Accepted:

Oil (uncontaminated motor oil	.25 gallon
Used Tires	Up to 16" diameter \$2.00/ea
	16" to 20" diameter \$3.00/ea
	Over 20" diameter \$5.00/ea
Storage (vehicle) batteries	\$1.00 per battery
Household Appliances	Stove/Range \$5.00/ea
	Dishwasher \$5.00/ea
	Washer \$5.00/ea
	Dryer \$5.00/ea
	Sinks \$5.00/ea
	Air Conditioners \$5.00/ea
	Hot water heater \$7.50/ea
	Bathtub \$10.00/ea
	Furnace \$8.00/ea
Scrap metal	Carload \$5.00
Sorted-steel/aluminum/copper	Sm. Pick Up \$10.00
	Large Pick Up \$15.00
Demolition material	Sm. Pick Up \$5.00
	Large Pick Up \$10.00

- ...A Brookfield permit sticker must be shown as proof of Brookfield residency

Leaves and Brush Drop-Off Center

Leaves, brush and yard waste may be disposed of at Brookfield's Brush Disposal Area:

- ...Location - Municipal property - Pocono Road  
(between Town Hall and new Fire House)
- ...Months - April - November 24th
- ...Hours - 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Saturdays & Sundays
- ...Permit is required - can be obtained in Public Works Dept.  
(1st floor, Brookfield Town Hall)
- ...No fee

Waste Oil Drop-Off Center

Uncontaminated motor oil can be disposed of at the Brookfield Town Garage:

- ...Location - Gray's Bridge Road
- ...Hours - Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- ...No permit required
- ...No fee

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## TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

BROOKFIELD, CT 06804

May 14, 1991

TO: All Brookfield Condominium Associations  
FROM: Bonnie P. Smith, First Selectman *BPS*  
SUBJECT: Recycling

This is to advise you that in compliance with State law and in cooperation with the regional Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority, the Brookfield Board of Selectmen has adopted the attached Recycling Ordinance. Said ordinance was discussed at a Public Hearing on January 14, 1991, adopted by the Board of Selectmen at a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 4, 1991, duly published in its entirety in the Brookfield Journal, and became effective on March 14, 1991.

As you will note, Section 6 on page 5 applies specifically to condominiums and requires associations to establish either a curbside recycling collection program for each dwelling unit, or to provide appropriate containers for collection of recyclable materials from all dwelling units. It also requires the association to educate its residents regarding the need for and method of recycling.

At the present time, both Waste Management of Connecticut and Thomas Refuse provide curbside recycling as well as trash removal for single dwelling units in Brookfield.

You are not obligated to use one of those haulers if you choose to make other arrangements, but please note that there are strict requirements such as licensing, permit fees and enforcement regulations with which all haulers servicing Brookfield must comply.

In addition to the private curbside recycling collection now taking place in Brookfield, the Town has just signed an agreement with the Town of New Milford permitting Brookfield residents to use the New Milford Recycling Drop-Off Center located on Youngstown Road, effective July 1, 1991. Brookfield residents may purchase yearly permits from the Brookfield Public Works Department (Town Hall, Pocono Road, Brookfield) which will allow disposal of both mandated and non-mandated recyclables at the New Milford Center.

All Brookfield Condominium Associations

May 14, 1991

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We believe that recycling is not something to be implemented simply because it has been mandated by the State, but more importantly because of its direct benefit to our environment. Most Brookfield residents are eager to participate, and we know that we can count on your cooperation also.

As with any new program, there may be some confusion at the start - some bugs to be ironed out as we try to mesh Brookfield's program with the regional program - but I am certain that Brookfield's recycling program will be successful if all of us work together.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to call my office at 775-2515, or to contact Brookfield's Recycling Coordinator/Director of Public Works, Mr. Ronald Klimas at 775-5087.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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attachments

cc: Mr. Ronald Klimas