

RESOLUTION 2009-06

ESTABLISHING A HIGH WIND POLICY FOR THE BARTON COUNTY SOLID WASTE LANDFILL AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2005-11, SAME, ADOPTED MAY 2, 2005

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, Kansas, have long operated County facilities and developed procedures that provide a maximum benefit to citizens; and

WHEREAS, all benefits are weighed by the cost to the citizen; and

WHEREAS, the cost benefit is measured by needed financial support, operational cost, ease and convenience of use, effect on the County, its citizens and the environment, in addition to other items.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barton County, that, in respect to the Barton County Solid Waste Landfill, the County reserves the right to turn away all customers of municipal solid waste, construction/demolition material and any other potentially airborne solid wastes, when:

1. There is a sustained wind speed above 30 miles per hour;
2. There are wind gusts above 35 miles per hour;
3. Before a forecasted wind of 40 miles per hour or above arrives; or
4. The National Weather Service issues a "high wind" warning for this area.

FURTHER, when a decision to close operations to the public is made, the gate will be closed at the discretion of the Landfill. Customers currently weighed-in will be allowed to dump, but all others will be turned away and asked to leave the property; and

FURTHER, that notifications of closure will be made immediately to affected customers, those haulers using the Landfill on a regular basis and the media, by phone, within 30 minutes of the decision; and

FURTHER, that Landfill staff will work diligently to cover the open disposal area as well as possible to keep trash and other debris from becoming airborne; and

FURTHER, re-openings will be scheduled when the high winds have ended. In this event, Landfill hours may be extended up to two hours past regular closing time, if deemed necessary. Additionally, if the Landfill remains closed due to winds past the end of the regular business day, efforts will be made to open the Landfill one-half hour early the next regular business morning should winds permit.

FURTHER, that operational decisions at the site shall be made by the Barton County Solid Waste Manager and, in his or her absence, by Landfill staff in consultation with the County Administrator \ Counselor.

FURTHER, that Resolution 2005-11, Same, Adopted the 2nd day of May, 2005, be rescinded; and

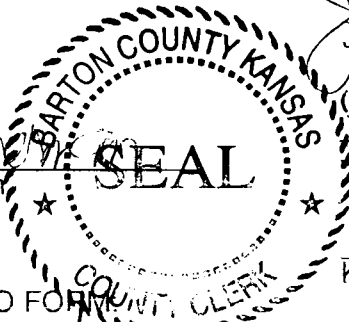
FURTHER, that this policy shall be effective upon its publication in the official County newspaper.

ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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