

volume of residential solid waste delivered to the collection centers and to assist subscribers delivering solid waste to the collection centers. Franchisee may adopt and enforce reasonable rules consistent with industry practice for the efficient operation of the collection centers provided such rules are not inconsistent with the Ordinance or this Franchise and are approved in advance in writing by the County Manager.

**25. Equipment and Containers.** If Franchisee operates the collection centers, it shall equip such collection centers with sufficient equipment and containers to handle efficiently, adequately, and timely the volume of residential solid waste delivered to the collection centers. Franchisee shall keep such equipment and containers in good repair, appearance, and sanitary condition at all times. Upon termination of this Franchise, or termination of Franchisee's license to the collection centers prior thereto, Franchisee shall, at its sole expense, remove all of its equipment, containers, and any other property from the collection centers.

**26. Cost of Operation of Collection Centers.** If Franchisee operates the collection centers, it shall be responsible for and shall indemnify and hold the County harmless for all costs, expense, and risk of and associated with operating the collection centers.

**27. Maintenance and Appearance of Collection Centers.** If Franchisee operates the collection centers, it shall be responsible for the maintenance and neat appearance of the collection centers, including without limitation keeping the premises free of litter, mowing any grass on the premises, and trimming any shrubbery on the premises.

**28. Information and Educational Materials.** Franchisee shall provide information and educational materials to the public and specifically its subscribers regarding the residential solid waste collection services Franchisee provides pursuant to this Franchise. The information and materials which Franchisee provides its subscribers shall include (a) Franchisee's curbside collection schedules, (b) at least seven (7) days' advance notice to subscribers of holidays on which the franchisee will suspend the collection of solid waste at curbside and the alternative day on which such service will be provided, (c) at least fourteen (14) days' advance notice of any other change in a subscriber's designated collection day, (d) the hours of operation of the collection centers, (e) information regarding the obligations and responsibilities of subscribers under the Ordinance, including the obligations of subscribers regarding the placement of residential solid waste at curbside and the removal of solid waste carts and recycling containers from curbside, and (f) at least sixty (60) days' advance notice of any change in Franchisee's fees to its subscribers, including any change in Franchisee's fee for basic service, fees for additional solid waste carts and recycling containers, and fees for additional services.

**29. Franchise Fees.** During the term of the Franchise, Franchisee shall pay a franchise fee to the County for the regulation in Lowndes County of residential solid waste, residential solid waste collection services, the administration and enforcement of the Solid Waste Ordinance, and the administration and enforcement of this Franchise. Such franchise fee shall be paid at the rate of \$3.00 per ton of residential garbage collected by Franchisee in the unincorporated area pursuant to this Franchise. Such franchise fee shall be paid on a monthly basis, with Franchisee paying to the County by the last day of each calendar month the franchise fee due for residential garbage collected by Franchisee in the unincorporated area or otherwise from residents during the