

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
APRIL 21, 2014**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on April 21, 2014, 5:40 p.m., Justice & Administration Building, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Room A201, Sylva, North Carolina.

Present: Jack Debnam, Chairman	Chuck Wooten, County Mgr.
Doug Cody, Vice Chair	J. K. Coward, County Attorney
Mark Jones, Commissioner	Pat Parris, Clerk to Board
Charles Elders, Commissioner	
Vicki Greene, Commissioner	

Chairman Debnam called the public hearing to order and stated the purpose is to receive public input concerning proposed amendments to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

Chad Parker, Public Works Director, stated the Solid Waste Board recommends the following amendments:

Add the following to Attachment III, Exemptions:

Category 4: Single Residential Structure exemptions are as follows:

1. *If the owner meets the requirements of the Homestead Exclusion as defined in NC General Statute 105-277.1.*
2. *If the dwelling is deemed uninhabitable. Uninhabitable for this purpose is defined as having all electric utilities for the dwelling disconnected by the utility company. If utilities are re-connected then exemption is forfeited.*

Category 5: Apartment complexes, campgrounds and other commercial structure exemptions are as follows:

1. *If the building/structure is deemed uninhabitable. Uninhabitable for this purpose is defined as having all electric utilities for this structure disconnected by the utility company. If utilities are re-connected then exemption is forfeited.*
2. *If the owner of an apartment building/campground has a contract with a private company for dumpster service and the dumpster service is determined to be of sufficient capacity to handle the total garbage produced by the complex.*
3. *If the commercial property owner contracts with a private hauler to pick up and dispose of the waste generated by the applicable business.*

Section 701: (revise as follows)

B. Exemptions for the solid waste availability fees shall be granted to owners of properties as specified in Attachment III. Fee exemptions are effective in the year in which they are received as defined herein and are not retroactive. Only applications filed between January 1st and June 30th may be considered for the current tax year. Applications made after July 1st will be considered for the following tax year. Applications for solid waste fee exemption may be made only by the property owner or anyone with a controlling interest in the property. Any change in the use of the property should be reported to the Tax Assessor no later than June 30th of that current tax year. All exemptions are subject to the review and approval by the Solid Waste Board

Public Comments: None

There being no further comments, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Elders seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the public hearing adjourned.

Attest:

Approved:

Patsy C. Parris, Clerk to Board

W. J. Debnam, Chairman