

65-3410. Cities or counties authorized to provide for collection and disposal of solid wastes or contract therefor; fees; adoption of regulations and standards. (a) Each city or county or combination of such cities and counties may provide for the storage, collection, transportation, processing and disposal of solid wastes and recyclables generated within its boundaries; and shall have the power to implement any approved solid waste management plan and to purchase all necessary equipment, acquire all necessary land, build any necessary buildings, incinerators, transfer stations, or other structures, lease or otherwise acquire the right to use land or equipment and to do all other things necessary for a proper effective solid waste management system and recycling program including the levying of fees and charges upon persons receiving service. On or before the first day of July of each calendar year, the board of county commissioners of any county, may, by resolution establish a schedule of fees to be imposed on real property within any county solid waste and recyclables service area, revenue from such fees to be used: To implement an approved solid waste management plan, to conduct operations necessary to administer the plan and to carry out its purposes and provisions; or for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of county waste disposal sites; or for financing waste collection, storage, processing, reclamation, disposal services and recycling programs, where such services are provided. In establishing the schedule of fees, the board of county commissioners shall classify the real property within the county solid waste and recyclables service area based upon the various uses to which the real property is put, the volume of waste occurring from the different land uses and any other factors that the board determines would reasonably relate the waste disposal and recyclable fee to the real property upon which it would be imposed.

The board shall set a reasonable fee for each category established and divide the real property within the county service areas according to categories and ownership. The board shall impose the appropriate fee upon each division of land and provide for the billing and collection of such fees. The fees may be established, billed, and collected on a monthly, quarterly or yearly basis. Fees collected on a yearly basis may be billed on the ad valorem tax statement. Prior to the collection of any fees levied on real property by the board under this section, the board shall notify affected property owners by causing a copy of the schedule of fees to be mailed to each property owner to whom tax statements are mailed in accordance with K.S.A. 79-2001, and amendments thereto.

Any fees authorized pursuant to this section which remain unpaid for a period of 60 or more days after the date upon which they were billed may be collected thereafter by the county as provided herein.

(1) At least once a year the board of county commissioners shall cause to be prepared a report of delinquent fees. The board shall fix a time, date, and place for hearing the report and any objections or protests thereto.

(2) The board shall cause notice of the hearing to be mailed to the property owners listed on the report not less than 10 days prior to the date of the hearing.

(3) At the hearing the board shall hear any objections or protests of property owners liable to be assessed for delinquent fees. The board may make such revisions or corrections to the report as it deems just, after which, by resolution, the report shall be confirmed.

(4) The delinquent fees set forth in the report as confirmed shall constitute assessments against the respective parcels of land and are a lien on the property for the amount of such delinquent fees. A certified copy of the confirmed report shall be filed with the county clerk for the amounts of the respective assessments against the respective parcels of land as they appear on the current assessment roll. The lien created attaches upon recordation, in the office of the county clerk of the county in which the property is situated, of a certified copy of the resolution of confirmation. The assessment may be collected at the same time and in the same manner as ordinary county ad valorem property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in case of delinquency as provided for such taxes. All laws applicable to the levy, collection, and enforcement of county ad valorem property taxes shall be applicable to such assessment.

Any city collecting solid waste fees or charges may collect delinquent fees or charges for garbage and trash storage, collection and disposal in the manner provided for counties.

(b) In carrying out its responsibilities, any such city or county may adopt ordinances, resolutions, regulations and standards to implement an approved solid waste management plan, to conduct operations necessary to administer the plan and to carry out its purposes and provisions; and for the storage, collection, transportation, processing and disposal of solid wastes and recyclables which shall be in conformity with the rules, regulations, standards and procedures adopted by the secretary for the storage, collection, transportation, processing and disposal of solid wastes and recyclables.

(c) Cities or counties may contract with any person, city, county, other political subdivision or state agency in this or other states to carry out their responsibilities to implement an approved solid waste management plan including any operations necessary to administer the plan and carry out its purposes and provisions; and for the collection, transportation, processing and disposal of solid wastes and recyclables.

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