

# **Ordinance No. 7.01: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING THE SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK, EAU CLAIRE County, WISCONSIN.**

The Town Board of the Town of Bridge Creek, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

## **Section 1. Title**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Solid Waste and Recycling Program Ordinance" of the Town of Bridge Creek.

## **Section 2. Purpose and Authority**

(1) **Purpose:** The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a comprehensive program for the collection, management, and disposal of solid waste and recyclable materials within the Town of Bridge Creek, to protect public health, safety, and welfare, to promote environmental stewardship, and to comply with state and local regulations concerning waste management and recycling.

(2) **Authority:** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted to towns under Wis. Stat. § 60.22, § 60.23 (18), § 287.09, § 289.05, and other applicable provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes.

## **Section 3. Definitions**

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- **Solid Waste:** Any garbage, refuse, or other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial, mining, or agricultural operations, and from community activities, but does not include solid or dissolved material in domestic sewage, or solid or dissolved materials in irrigation return flows or industrial discharges which are point sources subject to permits under ch. 283, Wis. Stats., or source material, special nuclear material, or byproduct material as defined in s. 254.31 (1), Wis. Stats.
- **Recyclable Materials:** Those materials designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources as recyclable under Wis. Stat. § 287.07 (3) and any additional materials designated by the Town Board via resolution as recyclable within the Town of Bridge Creek. These typically include, but are not limited to, aluminum cans, steel cans, glass containers, plastic containers (PETE #1 and HDPE #2), newspapers, magazines, mixed paper, and corrugated cardboard.
- **Drop-off Facility:** The designated location(s) provided by the Town of Bridge Creek for the public to deposit solid waste and recyclable materials.
- **Dumping:** The unauthorized disposal of solid waste or recyclable materials at any location not designated for such purpose, or at designated locations outside of posted operating hours or in violation of established rules.
- **Town Board:** The governing body of the Town of Bridge Creek.
- **Town Clerk:** The duly elected or appointed Clerk of the Town of Bridge Creek.

## **Section 4. General Provisions**

(1) **Program Establishment:** The Town of Bridge Creek hereby establishes a solid waste and recycling program for its residents.

(2) **Compliance with State Law:** All solid waste and recycling activities within the Town shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

(3) **Severability:** If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

(4) **Conflicting Ordinances:** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

## **Section 5. Solid Waste and Recycling Drop-off Facility Regulations**

(1) **Solid Waste (Trash) Drop-off:** The Town shall provide a designated drop-off facility for solid waste. Users shall be required to pay a fee for the disposal of solid waste. The specific types of solid waste accepted, the fee schedule, and any limitations or requirements for disposal shall be established by resolution of the Town Board.

(2) **Recycling Drop-off:** The Town shall provide a designated drop-off facility for recyclable materials. The disposal of designated recyclable materials at this facility shall be free of charge. The specific types of recyclable materials accepted, and any preparation requirements (e.g., cleaning, sorting) shall be established by resolution of the Town Board.

(3) **Operating Schedule and Fees:** The specific dates, times, and hours of operation for the solid waste and recycling drop-off facility, as well as the fee schedule for solid waste disposal, shall be determined and set by resolution of the Town Board. Such resolutions shall be publicly posted at the drop-off facility and at the Town Hall, and may be published in the official newspaper or on the Town's official website.

(4) **Rules and Regulations:** The Town Board may, by resolution, adopt additional rules and regulations governing the use of the solid waste and recycling drop-off facility, including but not limited to, vehicle access, material separation, and acceptable container types. All users of the facility shall comply with such rules and regulations.

## **Section 6. Prohibited Acts**

(1) **Unauthorized Dumping:** No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any solid waste or recyclable materials at the Town's drop-off facility at any time other than during the officially posted operating hours.

(2) **Dumping of Unauthorized Materials:** No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any solid waste or recyclable materials that are not designated as acceptable for disposal or recycling at the Town's drop-off facility, as determined by the Town Board's resolutions and posted rules.

(3) **Dumping Outside of Facility:** No person shall dump, deposit, or otherwise dispose of any solid waste or recyclable materials on any public or private property within the Town, except at the designated drop-off facility during its posted operating hours, or through other lawful means of disposal.

(4) **Scavenging:** No person shall remove, disturb, or scavenge any solid waste or recyclable materials that have been deposited at the Town's drop-off facility without the express permission of the Town Board or its authorized agent.

## **Section 7. Enforcement and Penalties**

(1) **Enforcement:** This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Town Board, Town Clerk, City of Augusta Police Department, or any law enforcement agency having jurisdiction within the Town of Bridge Creek.

(2) **Penalties:** Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, forfeit not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution. Each day a violation exists or continues shall constitute a separate offense. In addition to any forfeiture, the Town may seek restitution for any costs incurred in the cleanup or proper disposal of illegally dumped materials.

## **Section 8. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication or posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 20th day of November, 2025, by the Town Board of the Town of Bridge Creek, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin.

**TOWN OF BRIDGE CREEK TOWN BOARD**