

**Proposed Solid Waste Regulatory Policy
Pursuant to Lincoln County, Section 58-173. Terms and conditions for release of
the solid waste management fee for solid waste management services:
dilapidated or abandoned structure.**

This policy creates a procedure whereby the owners of real property may request release of the *Solid Waste Management Fee*, hereinafter referred to as *fee*, imposed for solid waste management services.

The Board of Commissioners established a Solid Waste Management Fee, to fund solid waste management efforts within the unincorporated areas of Lincoln County for collection and management of Solid Wastes. In addition to these primary functions, solid waste management includes roadside litter abatement, special waste management and disposal, recycling, and state mandated public education programs concerning waste reduction and recycling.

The Board recognizes that some parcels of improved real property do not directly contribute to the solid waste stream of the County. With the approval of the Solid Waste Management Office, these parcels may be eligible for the release of this fee. The criteria for consideration of release of the *fee* imposed for solid waste management is as follows:

- Structures that have been abandoned.
- Structures not fit for habitation (structure that has no source of electrical power, water and/or sewage, under construction or in major disrepair).
- Unoccupied Structures (structures not occupied for 365 days in the calendar year for/in which the release is requested). **Unoccupied structures with phone, CATV or similar services shall not be eligible for release.**

Owners seeking release of the fee must complete the appropriate form and return it to the Solid Waste Management Office no later than January 31st of the year for which the release is requested. Releases cannot be made if the form is filed after January 31st. A copy of the form is attached to this policy.

(Form: SW5-2)

During field reviews, if the tax assessor's office or code enforcement office finds that a released property is being rented or resided on without proper notification to the Solid Waste Management Office, the property owner will be considered in violation of this policy. The property owner will then be charged for the previous year's assessment plus interest and penalties.

*LINCOLN COUNTY PLANNING &
ZONING DEPARTMENT*

OFFICE OF

Solid Waste

P. O. BOX 340

182 Humphrey Street

LINCOLN, GA 30817

706-359-4414

706-359-5831 FAX

To Whom It May Concern:

This is form the exemption you need to file with our office. Once this form is returned to our office, our Code Enforcement Department and Board of Commissioners will determine if your property will be exempted. Once it has been determined we will call you. The form will be kept in our office and you will need to pick it up, if applicable before paying your taxes, then we can credit you.

Please send a copy of the tax bill which corresponds with the lot you want to exempt.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.



Return Completed Form to the Lincoln County Department of Planning & Zoning,
 Office of Solid Waste Management
 182 Humphrey Street
 P.O. Box 340 Lincolnton, GA 30817
 (706) 359-4414

Application for Release of Solid Waste Management Fee, Dilapidated or Abandoned Structures

Map and Parcel # _____ - _____ Property Owner's Name: _____

Property Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone (home): _____ (work/pager): _____

Check One:

- Structure is vacated or abandoned.
- Structure is in deteriorating condition and not fit for habitation.
- Structure is not occupied at any time during the calendar year.

I have read and understood all the provisions of this application and all my statements are true and correct. I further understand that any untrue or incorrect statement constitutes a violation of law under Section 58-163 of the Lincoln County Department of Planning & Zoning, Office of Solid Waste Management. I further agree to notify the Lincoln County Office of Solid Waste Management and apply for solid waste service **within 30 days** Should my property no longer qualify for release of the Solid Waste Fee.

Date: _____ Property Owner's Signature: _____

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Code Enforcement Recommendation: Approval Disapproval

Code Enforcement Officer: _____ Date: _____

Planning and Zoning Recommendation: Approval Disapproval

Planning & Zoning Director _____ Date: _____

Type of Refund: Full Partial: _____ Amount

Commission Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Tax Commissioner (date entered): _____ by _____