



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3734.574 Generation and disposal fees.

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(A)(1) A county or joint solid waste management district that is levying fees under division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code on October 29, 1993, pursuant to a resolution adopted under that division and former Section 25 of Am. Sub. S.B. 359 of the 119th general assembly, or one that is levying those fees pursuant to such a resolution and for which the director of environmental protection disapproves the initial solid waste management plan of the district under section 3734.55 of the Revised Code on or after October 29, 1993, may continue to levy those fees until the district abolishes them under division (D) of this section, the director issues an order under division (F) of this section requiring the district to cease levying the fees, or the district obtains approval of its own plan under section 3734.521 or 3734.56 of the Revised Code and collection of the fees established in the approved plan commences in accordance with division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code.

(2) A county or joint solid waste management district that is levying fees under division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code or division (A) of section 3734.573 of the Revised Code under an initial or amended solid waste management plan approved under section 3734.521, 3734.55, or 3734.56 of the Revised Code when the director issues an order under division (D) of section 3734.521 of the Revised Code or division (A) or (B) of section 3734.56 of the Revised Code requiring the district to implement an amended plan prepared by the director, may continue to levy those fees until the district abolishes them under division (D) of this section, the director issues an order under division (F) of this section requiring the district to cease levying the fees, or the district obtains approval of its own plan or amended plan under section 3734.521 or 3734.56 of the Revised Code and collection of the fees established in the approved plan or amended plan commences in accordance with division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code.

(B) The solid waste management policy committee of a county or joint district described in division (A)(1) of this section may levy a fee under division (A) of section 3734.573 of the Revised Code by adopting and obtaining ratification of a resolution establishing the amount of the fee. The policy committee of such a district that, after December 1, 1993, concurrently proposes to levy a fee under



division (A) of section 3734.573 of the Revised Code and to amend the fees that the district is levying under division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code may adopt and obtain ratification of one resolution to do both. A county or joint district that is ordered under division (D) of section 3734.521 of the Revised Code to implement an initial plan prepared by the director may levy fees under division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code or division (A) of section 3734.573 of the Revised Code by adopting and obtaining ratification of a resolution specifying which of the fees are to be levied and their amounts. The requirements and procedures set forth in division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code governing the adoption of resolutions levying fees under that division, the ratification of those resolutions, and the notification of owners and operators of solid waste facilities required to collect fees under those divisions govern the adoption and ratification of resolutions levying fees under this division and the notification of owners and operators required to collect the fees levied under this division, except as otherwise specifically provided in division (C) of this section. Any such district may levy fees under this division until the district abolishes the fees under division (D) of this section, the director issues an order under division (F) of this section requiring the district to cease levying the fees, or the district obtains approval of its own plan or amended plan under section 3734.521 or 3734.56 of the Revised Code and collection of the fees established in the approved plan or amended plan commences in accordance with division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code.

(C) Any resolution adopted under division (B) of this section that proposes to levy a fee under division (A) of section 3734.573 of the Revised Code that exceeds five dollars per ton shall be ratified in accordance with the provisions of division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code, except that such a resolution shall be approved by a combination of municipal corporations and townships with a combined population within the boundaries of the district comprising at least seventy-five per cent, rather than at least sixty per cent, of the total population of the district.

(D) The policy committee of a county or joint district may amend fees levied by the district under division (A) or (B) of this section by adopting and obtaining ratification of a resolution establishing the proposed amount of the amended fees. The committee may abolish any of those fees or any amended fees established under this division by adopting and obtaining ratification of a resolution repealing them. A district that is proposing at the same time to amend or abolish the fees levied under divisions (A) and (B) of this section may adopt one resolution proposing the amendment or repeal of all of the fees. The requirements and procedures under division (B) and, if applicable,



division (C) of this section govern the adoption and ratification of a resolution authorized to be adopted under this division and the notification of owners and operators of solid waste facilities required to collect the fees. Collection of the fees so amended or abolished commences or ceases in accordance with division (B) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code.

(E) Not later than thirty days before the beginning of each calendar quarter, the board of county commissioners or board of directors of a district that is levying fees under division (A) or (B) of this section shall submit to the director a proposed budget for the expenditure of moneys from the special fund of the district created under division (G) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code. The proposed budget shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the director.

The director may disapprove in whole or in part such a proposed quarterly budget for any of the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed budget includes expenditures for any purpose other than those authorized under division (G) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code;
- (2) The director reasonably estimates that there will be insufficient moneys in the special fund created to meet the proposed expenditures;
- (3) The board failed to submit the proposed budget to the director at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the calendar quarter to which it pertains;
- (4) The board failed to submit the latest report of quarterly expenditures from the fund that it was required to submit under section 3734.575 of the Revised Code within thirty days after the end of the calendar quarter to which it pertains;
- (5) The district is materially failing to comply with the implementation schedule contained in the plan or amended plan of the district prepared and ordered to be implemented under section 3734.521, 3734.55, or 3734.56 of the Revised Code;
- (6) There have been repeated inconsistencies between the expenditures projected in the proposed budgets submitted under division (E) of this section and actual expenditures from the fund.



If the director does not disapprove a proposed quarterly budget prior to the first day of the calendar quarter to which it pertains, it is conclusively presumed that the proposed budget has not been disapproved.

Nothing in division (E) of this section precludes the board of county commissioners or directors of a district from making necessary expenditures to meet unforeseen circumstances that occur during a calendar quarter that were not provided for in the proposed budget for that quarter. Prior to making any such expenditure, the board shall notify the director of the nature of the unforeseen circumstances and of the amount of the expenditure needed to meet them. The board shall include an explanation of the nature of the unforeseen circumstances and of the necessity and amount of the expenditures to meet them in the quarterly expenditure report for the quarter in which the expenditures were made that is submitted to the director under section 3734.575 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the director finds that the board of county commissioners or directors of a district that is levying fees under division (A) or (B) of this section is in material and continued noncompliance with the implementation schedule contained in the plan or amended plan of the district prepared and ordered to be implemented under section 3734.521, 3734.55, or 3734.56 of the Revised Code, or if repeated whole or partial disapprovals of the proposed quarterly budgets of the district have occurred under division (E) of this section, the director may issue an order to the board terminating the collection of all of the fees levied by the district under division (A) or (B) of this section.

Notwithstanding section 119.06 of the Revised Code, the director may issue an order under this division or disapprove in whole or in part a proposed budget under division (E) of this section by issuance of a final action that is effective upon issuance without the necessity to hold any adjudication hearing in connection with the order or disapproval and without the issuance of a proposed action under section 3745.07 of the Revised Code.

(G) The director, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, may adopt, amend, suspend, and rescind such rules as the director considers to be necessary or appropriate to implement or administer this section or division (D) of section 3734.55 of the Revised Code.



(H) Moneys received by a district levying fees under division (A) or (B) of this section shall be credited to the special fund of the district created in division (G) of section 3734.57 of the Revised Code and shall be used exclusively for the purposes set forth in division (G) of that section in the manner prescribed by the solid waste management policy committee of the district by resolution and for the purposes of section 3734.551 of the Revised Code.