

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist and duly seconded by Alderman Dan Coleman.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ADOPTION OF STATE RULES
REQUIRING EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR
HOSPITAL, MEDICAL AND INFECTIOUS WASTE INCINERATORS
Resolution No. 156/2009-10

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2009 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“USEPA”) adopted federal regulations in 40 CFR 60 Subpart Ce, entitled “Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators” for existing medical waste incinerators (“new federal standards”); and

WHEREAS, the new federal standards establish lower emission rates and additional operating conditions than existing state and prior federal regulation; and

WHEREAS, the new federal standards require states to promulgate new state rules that will require existing medical waste incinerators to comply with the new federal standards no later than October 6, 2014 and to obtain USEPA approval of the new state rules within two years after October 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing is scheduled for May 25, 2010 for the “Title V” permit renewal for a medical waste incinerator in Haw River in adjoining Alamance County owned by Stericycle, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the timing of this permit renewal is such that renewal will occur prior to implementation of the new USEPA rules by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission; and

WHEREAS, Stericycle’s annual waste incineration at its facility was reported as over 26 million pounds last year, with the potential for prevailing westerly winds to carry emissions into Orange County from its location; and

WHEREAS, public concerns regarding medical waste incineration have been recently expressed by other local governments, specifically Mecklenburg County, the nearby Towns of Matthews and Stallings, and members of the public and environmental groups; and

WHEREAS, the USEPA’s action effectively provided notice that emission rates and other requirements would change; and

WHEREAS, a three-year advance notice period for compliance would be consistent with USEPA’s approach in regulating existing affected sources under the Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) program; and

WHEREAS, since the North Carolina Division of Air Quality has already initiated the rulemaking process to incorporate the new federal standards into the North Carolina rules, it

would be more efficient for the State to adopt a statewide rule as required by USEPA and pursue statewide implementation of the new federal standards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Board of Alderman respectfully requests that the N.C. Environmental Management Commission adopt State rules implementing the October 6, 2009 federal guidelines (40 CFE 60 subpart Ce Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Hospital/ Medical/ Infectious Waste Incinerators), with an effective compliance date for existing medical waste incinerators of no later than October 6, 2012 to include new operating conditions, completing modifications, beginning operations and demonstrating compliance by stack test by that date.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The following resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 18th day of May 2010:

Ayes: Dan Coleman, Sammy Slade, Lydia Lavelle, Mark Chilton, Jacquelyn Gist, Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Joal Hall Broun