



AUSTIN CODE DEPARTMENT

Hauler for Hire FAQ

Why do haulers need a license?

Per Ordinance No. 20120628-012, which amended Chapter 15-6 of the City Code, a person must obtain a license to operate a private collection service. The license expires at midnight on December 31 of the year in which it was issued. The license is not transferable.

What is solid waste?

Solid waste is rubbish; refuse and other discarded materials, such as tires and construction scraps (e.g. landfill trash or debris).

How do I get or renew a license?

Visit the Austin Code Department website for full instructions.

What happens if I haul without a license?

Offenses are punishable by a fine up to \$2,000 and, upon a first conviction, not less than \$100. The minimum fine shall be doubled for the second conviction of the same offense within any 24-month period and tripled for the third and subsequent convictions of the same offense within any 24-month period.

How much is the solid waste licensing fee?

The licensing fee for solid waste vehicles is \$100 per vehicle / per year. The fee is due on or before the last business day in January of each year. The fee for solid waste containers is \$3 per container / per month. The container fee is paid every quarter (three months).

How much is the recycling licensing fee?

Recycling vehicles and containers are exempt from fees as long as they are used exclusively to collect recyclables. Vehicles must have blue recycling licenses. The license decals must be permanently affixed to the exterior vehicle doors.

Can a license be revoked?

Yes, Code may revoke a license if a licensee does not comply with the law, pay required fees or file required reports.

I collect landfill trash and/or recyclables outside the city limits (Austin) but I drive through Austin. Do I need a license?

Per Ordinance No. 20120628-012, you do not need a license. The licensing requirement is for businesses which collect landfill trash and/or recyclables in Austin.