

# RESOLUTION 2002- 37

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Establishing the Vacant Residence Discount of the Solid Waste Management Fee as provided in Ordinance 94-12

**WHEREAS**, the County of Torrance has entered into a contract for services through a Memorandum of Understanding with the Torrance County Solid Waste Authority, and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Torrance does levy the Solid Waste Management Fee enacted in Ordinance 94-12 to offset the costs of solid waste services for the citizens of Torrance County, and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 94-12 has been amended to offer a discount from the Solid Waste Management Fee for owners of vacant residences, and

**WHEREAS**, the Torrance County Solid Waste Authority Board of Directors has recommended that a discount of \$19.25 per quarter be offered to any owner of a vacant residence who duly applies for said discount,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Solid Waste Management Fee vacant residence discount will hereby be established at the base rate of \$10 plus tax per month, to be administered according to the guidelines established by the Torrance County Solid Waste Authority, which are attached hereto.

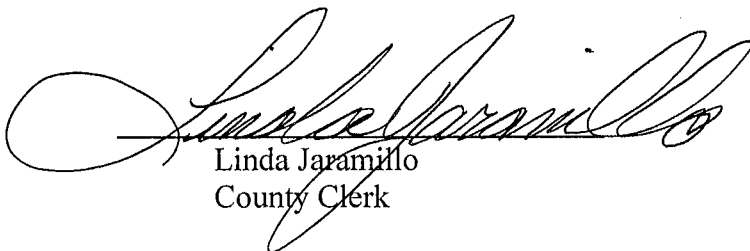
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Bill R. Williams  
Commission Chairman

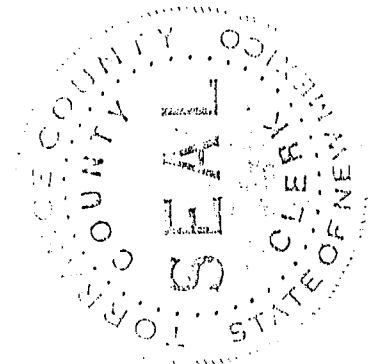
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ATTEST:



Linda Jaramillo  
County Clerk

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Date



# Torrance County Vacant Residence Discount GUIDELINES

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*SECTION 13 G OF THE TORRANCE COUNTY SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:*

*Any responsible party owning or possessing a vacant residence may be entitled to a reduction of the solid waste management fee, according to administrative guidelines established and adopted through resolution by the County Commission. Any property owner falsely certifying that a residence is vacant is in violation of this Ordinance, and is subject to penalties set forth in Section 16.A.*

*SECTION 16 A OF THE TORRANCE COUNTY SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE:*

*Persons violating the Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not to exceed THREE HUNDRED (\$300.00) DOLLARS and/or NINETY (90) days in jail for each separate offense.*

1. Before a property owner can qualify for the vacant residence discount, an application must be completed, signed, and submitted to the Torrance County Solid Waste Authority. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. All residence owners will be billed for the county solid waste management fee, in the amount of \$30.71, every quarter in advance.
3. If the residence is properly documented as vacant, the owner will pay \$10 plus tax upon receipt of the bill. The account will be credited for the difference.
4. At the beginning of every quarter, the owner will get a bill for the full amount, \$30.71, and must again document that the property is still vacant, in order to continue to receive the discount.
5. Ongoing documentation is accomplished by completing the brief form on the quarterly bill, signing, and returning the card with the quarterly discounted payment.
6. Random field verifications will be done on properties claimed to be vacant. . *Any property owner falsely certifying that a residence is vacant is in violation of the Ordinance, and is subject to penalties set forth in Section 16.A.*
7. A property owner who fails to submit the quarterly documentation by the end of the first month of the quarter (end of January, end of April, end of July, and end of September) will not be eligible for the vacant residence discount for that period.
8. Under no circumstances will a vacant residence discount be allowed retroactively.
9. It is the property owner's responsibility to notify the Torrance County Solid Waste Authority within two weeks when the residence again becomes occupied.