BILL 2011-49

****** First Reading ******

AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director

DATE: June 20, 2011

RE: **Regulation of Infectious or Regulated Waste**

PURPOSE

The attached bill would amend and establish a new paragraph (6), of Section 5-57, Division 2, Article III, of Chapter 5 of the Solid Waste Code. This addition would add a paragraph prohibiting the placement of infectious or regulated waste in a refuse container that is not intended for such wastes and marked as such.

BACKGROUND

Last fall, our waste hauler brought a concern of customer's improper packaging of sharps in regular residential waste, and the potential for workers accidently coming into contact. There is a need to protect the health and safety of the general public and the waste collection workers by requiring generators/users of sharps to properly package them so haulers won't get stuck.

The State of Missouri currently has regulations that all sharps shall be packaged in rigid, leak-resistant and puncture-resistant containers and sealed prior to disposal. However, the Committee felt the concern for general public and waste hauler safety is great enough to require this at a local level for enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION

The Solid Waste Committee has reviewed this issue and recommends passage of an addition to the Prohibited Practices to include infectious and regulated waste.

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-57, PROHIBITED PRACTICES, OF DIVISION 2, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL, OF ARTICLE III, REFUSE, OF CHAPTER 5, HEALTH AND SANITATION OF THE CITY OF CAMERON CODE TO PROVIDE A NEW PARAGRAPH (6) FOR THE REGULATION OF INFECTIOUS OR REGULATED WASTE

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the health and safety of the general public and the solid waste collection workers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cameron, Solid Waste Committee has reviewed and recommends passage of an addition to the Prohibited Practices to include infectious and regulated waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMERON, CLINTON AND DeKALB COUNTIES, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Establish a new section (6) of Section 5-57, Prohibited practices, of Division 2, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal, of Article III, Refuse, of Chapter 5, Health and Sanitation of the City of Cameron Code as follows:

(6) Place hazardous, infectious or regulated waste in a refuse container that is not intended for such wastes and marked as such. Any infectious wastes generated from residential sources must be placed in a rigid leak-proof, puncture resistant container with a tight fitting lid. Infectious wastes generated from commercial sources cannot be discarded into the municipal solid waste stream.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to sign this Ordinance on behalf of the City of Cameron.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to attest to the Mayor's signature.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Passed and approved on first reading this 20th day of June 2011.
Passed and approved on second reading this _____ day of _____ 2011.
Passed and approved on third and final reading this _____ day of _____ 2011.

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Mayor Frank Buck

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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