

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE
PROHIBITING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IN CALDWELL COUNTY

The Caldwell County Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on the following proposed ordinance prohibiting solid waste disposal in Caldwell County at 9:45 a.m., Monday, December 9, 2013 in the Commissioners Courtroom located at 1403 Blackjack Street, Lockhart, Texas. An interested citizen of the county may testify at the hearing. Following the hearing, the Caldwell County Commissioners Court may take action on the proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF CALDWELL §

ORDER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE PROHIBITING
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL IN CALDWELL COUNTY

WHEREAS, Section 263.112 of the Texas Health and Safety Code authorizes a county to prohibit the disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste in certain areas of the county; and
WHEREAS, Section 264.012 of the Texas Health and Safety Code authorizes a county to prohibit the disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste in the county if the disposal of the municipal or industrial solid waste is a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas has the responsibility and the authority to take action to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County has determined that the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer is a major aquifer that serves as an important source of groundwater for residents of Caldwell County; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County recognizes that the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer supplies water for the City of Luling, City of Lockhart, and the Aqua Water Supply Corporation in Caldwell County; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County recognizes that the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer supplies water for agricultural irrigation and residential and commercial uses in Caldwell County; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County recognizes that the Leona Formation provides an additional valuable source of groundwater and feeds numerous springs and seeps, including those found in Lockhart State Park; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County recognizes that fresh water from the Leona Formation feeds the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer and may improve the water quality in that Aquifer, where the two formations are in close contact; and
WHEREAS, the disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste in landfills in Caldwell County could threaten the water and air quality, attract vermin, and result in the spread of refuse; and
WHEREAS, the location of landfills within Caldwell County could hamper economic development within the county and may negatively affect property values in the county; and
WHEREAS, citizens and property owners of Caldwell County oppose the location of landfills within the county; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County finds that the disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste in the county is a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; and
WHEREAS, an ordinance was proposed to prohibit the disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste in the Caldwell County as authorized by sections 263.112 and 264.012 of the Texas Health and Safety Code; and
WHEREAS, public hearing notices regarding the proposed ordinance were published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county for two consecutive weeks before the commissioners court considered this ordinance; and
WHEREAS, the public hearing notices included (1) the proposed ordinance prohibiting solid waste disposal in Caldwell County; (2) the time, place, and date that the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County was to consider the proposed ordinance; and (3) notice that an interested citizen of the county may testify at the hearing; and
WHEREAS, a public hearing on this ordinance was held on December 9, 2013 before the ordinance was considered by the commissioners court, and any interested citizen of the county was allowed to testify at the hearing; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County took action on this ordinance on December 9, 2013 at a public meeting noticed and held in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act:
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS:

CALDWELL COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE
SECTION I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

This ordinance shall be designated as the Caldwell County Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance. The Commissioners Court of Caldwell County is authorized to enact this ordinance under chapters 363 and 364 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

SECTION II: DEFINITIONS

Disposal: The discharge, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, placing, collecting, handling, transporting, storage, or processing of municipal or industrial solid waste, including the systematic control of the activities of generation, source separation, treatment, compositing, recycling, beneficial use, resource recovery, or land application.
Industrial Solid Waste: Solid waste resulting from or incidental to a process of industry or manufacturing, or mining or agricultural operations.
Municipal Solid Waste: Solid waste resulting from or incidental to municipal, community, commercial, institutional, or recreational activities, including garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, abandoned automobiles, and other solid waste other than industrial solid waste.
Processing: Activities including, but not limited to, extraction of materials, transfer, volume reduction, conversion to energy, or other separation and preparation of solid waste for reuse or disposal, including treatment or neutralization of hazardous waste designed to change the physical, chemical, or biological character or composition of hazardous waste so as to neutralize hazardous waste; recover energy or material from hazardous waste; or render hazardous waste non-hazardous or less hazardous, safer to transport, store, or dispose of, amenable for recovery or storage, or reduced in volume.
Solid Waste: Garbage, rubbish, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semisolid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, municipal, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations and from community and institutional activities.
Solid Waste Facility: All contiguous land, including structures, appurtenances, and other improvements on the land, used for processing, storing, or disposing of solid waste. The term includes a publicly or privately owned solid waste facility consisting of several processing, storage, or disposal operational units such as one or more landfills, surface impoundments, or a combination of units

SECTION III: NOT PROHIBITED

The processing or disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste or the operation of a solid waste facility is not prohibited in the following areas within Caldwell County, Texas:
The property owned by Caldwell County, Texas, located east of Seawillow Road (County Road 205) and assigned Property ID Number 31061 and Geographic ID Number 0002194-120-100-00 by the Caldwell County Appraisal District; and described as 18.232 acres of land out of the P.B. McCarley Survey, conveyed to Caldwell County by Clarence V. Moses and wife, Bobbie Moses by deed recorded in Volume 487 at Page 63 of the Deed Records of Caldwell County Texas, and being more particularly described in Exhibit A.

SECTION IV: PROHIBITED

The processing or disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste or the operation of a solid waste facility is prohibited in the following areas within Caldwell County, Texas:
All portions of Caldwell County, Texas not included in Section III above.

SECTION V: ENFORCEMENT

Violations of the Caldwell County Solid Waste Disposal Ordinance are subject to civil and criminal penalties to the extent allowed by state law. Each day a violation occurs is a separate offense and constitutes a separate ground for recovery.

SECTION VI: SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this ordinance is declared partially void or unenforceable by an order of a court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be severed, and the remaining portions of this order shall be construed as remaining in effect to the full degree allowed by that order.
ORDAINED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED on this the 9th day of December, 2013 by a vote of ____ Ayes and ____ Nays.

Tom Bonn, Caldwell County Judge
ATTEST:
Carol Holcomb County Clerk

EXHIBIT A

BEING all of a certain tract or parcel of land situated in Caldwell County, State of Texas, and being a part of the P.B. McCarley Survey and being also a part of a tract of land designated as “First Tract” and conveyed to Clarence Moses, et ux by Robert O. Blanton by deed recorded in Volume 343 at Page 386 of the Deed Records of Caldwell County, Texas, and being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at an iron pin set in the North line of the above mentioned “First Tract” for the Northwest corner this tract also being the Northeast corner of a 40.00 acre tract of land conveyed to W. H. Thigpen by Clarence Moses by deed recorded in Volume 355 at Page 677 of the said Deed Records.
THENCE North 89 deg. 06 min. East 966.25 feet to an iron pipe found in a reentrant corner of the said “First Tract” for the Northeast corner this tract.
THENCE South 0 deg. 22 min. West 832.13 feet to an iron pin set in the South line of said “First Tract” for the southeast corner this tract.
THENCE North 89 deg. 49 min. West 963.89 feet to an iron pin set in the Southeast corner of the above mentioned 40.00 acre tract for the Southwest corner tract.
THENCE North 0 deg. 13 min. East 813.88 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING containing 18.232 acres of land. Surveyed by Claude F. Hinkle, RPS No. 1612, in December, 1984.