

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2046

By: Settle of the House

and

Robinson of the Senate

An Act relating to environment and natural resources; declaring legislative purpose and intent; providing for Oklahoma Recycling Initiative; requiring certain cities to develop and operate certain recycling program; providing for contents of program; requiring certain cities to submit report; requiring Department of Environmental Quality to submit certain report; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-10-205 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature hereby recognizes and declares that it is necessary for the public interest, health and economic welfare to encourage and promote the recycling and reuse of recoverable materials. The recycling and reuse of recoverable materials substantially reduces disposal costs and the tremendous flow of solid waste to Oklahoma's dwindling solid waste sites. It is equally necessary that Oklahoma preserve, expand and encourage economic growth. The recycling and reuse of recoverable materials will create new employment, provide and allow for expansion of existing manufacturing, thereby increasing employment and payrolls as well as upgrading the state's natural resources.

B. The Legislature declares that the goal of this state, hereinafter called the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative, is that each incorporated municipality with a population greater than five thousand (5,000), as determined by the most recent decennial census by the Bureau of the Census of the United States Department of Commerce, should develop and operate a recycling program which will generate raw materials for the manufacturing industries located in this state. Due to the importance of the paper industry to Oklahoma's economy, each recycling and reuse program should at a minimum include the collection of waste paper.

In implementing any recycling program the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative the municipality may:

1. Consider the overall status of the solid waste collection system and management within the municipality, including generation, recycling and disposal;
2. Review five-, ten-, and twenty-year municipality-wide goals for reducing the amount of solid waste through the recycling of recoverable materials;
3. Evaluate alternative methods for achieving the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative through municipality-wide collection systems or

through integrated recoverable materials management on a regional basis;

4. Establish a comprehensive and sustained public information and education program concerning the recoverable materials program's features and requirements; and

5. Include in the program such other information recommended by the Department of Environmental Quality.

C. Each municipality should submit a report of its progress towards meeting the recycling goal pursuant to this section to the Department of Environmental Quality on or before January 1 of each year. The Department of Environmental Quality shall, on or before February 1 of each year, submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor detailing the efforts of the municipalities in achieving the Oklahoma Recycling Initiative.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of May, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 1995.

President of the Senate