



## Page County

### Board of Supervisors

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#### Agenda

##### Work Session

Board Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

November 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

#### Call to Order

- Invocation (District 3)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Microphone Reminder

#### **Employee & Departmental Recognition**

1. Animal Shelter (*Awarded No-Kill Status for 2022*)
2. Finance Department (*Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*)

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#### Proposed Fee for Uncovered Waste Loads

Billy Hall (p. 2)

#### **Presentations**

Proposed Cultural Center & Business Hub

Nina Fox

Adjourn

## No Tarp Policies:

All open top loads including trailers are required to be securely tarped. This applies to commercial and residential vehicles. Tarp must not be unloaded until after passing the scale for trash assigned to dumpsters and vehicles unloading in the cell must not be untarped until they reach the cell. NO EXCEPTIONS.

In a study by Forbes, it was found that 55% of roadside trash comes from improperly stowed, uncovered or unsecured loads, and vehicle occupants. Over half of roadside litter can be stopped with proper tarping techniques. Proper tarping means the load is covered evenly and securely. Tarp needs to be used in conjunction with straps, tiedowns, chains, or other securement methods. Tarping loads does not only pertain to trash and recycling; brush is to also be tarped. Loosely covered loads are NOT considered as a secured load. Below are two different Virginia Codes that reinforce the importance of tarping all loads.

### Code of Virginia

#### 10.1 – 1424 – Allowing Escape of load material; penalty.

No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is constructed or loaded to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escape therefrom.

Violation: Class 1 Misdemeanor. Up to 12 months in jail and up to \$2,500 fine.

#### 33.1 – 346 – Dumping trash, companion animals, etc.; penalty

It shall be unlawful for any person to dump or otherwise dispose of trash, garbage, refuse, litter, a companion animal for the purpose of disposal, or other unsightly matter, on public property, including a public highway, right-of-way, property adjacent to such highway or right-of-way, or on private property without the consent of the owner thereof or his agent.

Violation: Class 1 Misdemeanor. Up to 12 months in jail and up to \$2,500 fine.

Instituting a fee for uncovered and unsecure loads assessed at by the scale operator will not only discourage continued uncovered loads, but it will also assist with the costs associated with litter control. No tarp fees are not a new technique used by landfills and convenience sites to deter litter. Suggestions:

1. No uncovered/unsecure loads accepted at the landfill or the sites. Not sure what to do about untarped loads at the sites.
2. Uncovered loads will be assessed a fine:
  - a. Other policies I found:
    - i. \$25, \$50, \$100 per infraction for resident - \$50, \$100, \$150 per infraction for commercial.
    - ii. \$5-50 per infraction
    - iii. \$5 – 20 a ton per infraction
    - iv. Charge Double