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A summary of Act 33 Amendments

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Act 33

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signed May 12, 2025

Amends Title 44, Chapter 96
(The Solid Waste Act)

Amends Title 39, Chapter 75
(now titled "Tires")



Changes to the Solid Waste Act

- The \$2 tire fee on replacement tires is distributed differently and is now assessed on used tires.
- Tipping fees that counties can charge for waste tires is increased.
- The make-up of the Waste Tire Committee slightly changes.
- Grants can be offered to private/corporate entities.
- Collaborative efforts between SCDES and SC Department of Commerce and nine other entities to develop and enhance the statewide market infrastructure for tire derived products.

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The following changes will be reflected on the July 2025 Solid Waste Tax return, due August 20, 2025:

- All Solid Waste Tax accounts will be automatically converted to a monthly filing frequency.
 - The SCDOR will send an additional MyDORWAY web message to all Solid Waste Tax account holders not currently filing monthly returns.
- Used tires are now subject to the Solid Waste Excise Tax of \$2.00 per tire.
 - Previously only new tires were subject to the tax.
- The 3% administrative collection allowance has been eliminated for tires only.
 - This deduction was automatically calculated when filing your Solid Waste Excise Tax Return on MyDORWAY.
 - The 3% administrative collection allowance still applies to lead-acid batteries, white goods, and motor oil and similar lubricants.
- The \$1.00 per tire credit for tires recycled by a qualifying recycling facility has also been eliminated.
 - This credit was claimed on Line 2 of the Solid Waste Excise Tax return.
- These changes are the result of the passage of [S. 171](#).

Solid Waste

The South Carolina Solid Waste Policy Management Act of 1991 was enacted to help protect public health and the environment from the millions of tons of solid waste generated in South Carolina each year. As of November 1, 1991, a statewide solid waste management program was implemented to provide for a solid waste reduction and recycling program in which an excise tax is imposed on motor oil and similar lubricants, lead-acid batteries, tires, and white goods in order to provide funds for their collection and disposal.

The \$2 replacement tire fee disbursement

- The .06 cents administrative fee and \$1 rebate to retailers that send waste tires directly to tire processors is eliminated.
- The counties will now receive 75% of the collected fee.
- SCDES portion remains 25%



How much more will counties receive?

Tire Fee Disbursements Q1 FY25 vs FY26

Month	FY25 Monthly Fees Disbursed	FY26 Monthly Fees Disbursed
July	\$258,213.06	\$272,112.05
August	\$275,600.40	\$339,219.08
September	\$294,596.02	\$501,130.84
Year to Date Total	\$828,409.48	\$1,112,461.97

Fees are collected monthly and distributed quarterly.

What will sales of used tires contribute?

Nationally, used tires sold is about 10% of new replacement tire sales.

Using FY24 new replacement tire sales 10% of 4,352,880 tires is 435,288 tires.

\$870,576, assuming all used tire retailers are registered with DOR and remit \$2 per used tire sold.

Increased tipping fees for waste tires (commercial accounts)

- For waste tires with no ST-390 documentation, up to \$400/ton
- For waste tires that have valid ST-390 documentation, up to \$150/ton.
- Accepting tires from retailers or auto salvage yards is optional.
- If the county has an ordinance in place that refuses acceptance of waste tires from retailers/commercial entities, then the county can charge up to \$400/ton for documented or undocumented tires. (or turn them around at the gate)
- Additional tipping fees for OTR tires are not capped by the legislation.

If you don't have a scale to weigh tires.....

- 80 passenger/light truck tires per ton
- 18 tractor trailer tires per ton
- At \$400/ton, a single passenger/light truck tire is \$5/tire
- At \$150/ton, a single passenger/light truck tire is \$1.88/tire
- At \$400/ton, a single tractor trailer tire is \$22
- At \$150/ton, a single tractor trailer tire is \$8.33



Grants

- The shortfall grants will continue to be offered as before for counties that charge reasonable tipping fees.
- Grants can be for recruiting industries that utilize waste tires, to businesses for alternative productive uses of waste tires like rubber modified asphalt. Any businesses or manufacturer awarded a grant must satisfy relevant job creation requirements in Section 12-6-3360.
- The revised Waste Tire Committee will continue to review and recommend grants to the Solid Waste Advisory Council.



DES shall collaborate with the Department of Commerce

- on a plan to develop a statewide market infrastructure for tire-derived products in consultation with nine other listed entities in the Act.

It would be great if....



SCAC can develop a model ordinance that counties can use for waste tire management as described in the Act.



SCAC can help educate the counties on the benefits of paving county roads with Rubber Modified Asphalt.



SCAC can provide input on grants for counties to facilitate the use of products derived from South Carolina waste tires.

What's new in Title 39, Chapter 75: Tires

Codifies manifesting requirements for waste tire loads (15 or more)



Introduces electronic manifesting as an option



Introduces a sticker program for registered tire haulers that SCDES will implement



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