

Dear Representative Grosserode:

I wholeheartedly support your bill, HB 2662 which would "...stop any county from interfering with any type of waste being picked up or delivered to any privately owned waste facility." I was informed also that HB 2662 is planned to be amended by adding that the volume of waste going to a private facility, also could be regulated."

I do not think the Johnson County Commission's new solid waste regulations revisions passed in October 2010 are beneficial to Johnson County citizens. Due to the aforesaid revisions, the day of Deffenbaugh's trash/recyclable/yard waste pick-ups in our area sounds as if army tanks are invading our neighborhood. Is it necessary to have three different heavy duty trucks picking up three types of yard waste? Also, due to the restrictions on the yard wastes in the October revisions, many residents are having difficulties carrying out all the minute regulations concerning leaves, twigs, branches and grass disposal. My own trash collector could not explain the new regs to me adequately and I only just learned leaves can only be picked up once a month, and then only in 30 gallon PAPER SACKS. Some of us who have a lot of trees still have to dispose of these leaves, and 30 gallons in the form of four small sacks is not adequate to dispose of all the leaves. It seems the county/city is pushing mulch piles. I have a gigantic mulch pile only several feet from the side of my house which a neighbor fills with wet and dead leaves and empties strange looking garbage from skillets into it, a pile which could not help but attract rats and other vermin. It is only surrounded by chicken wire and open to the sky. I have to tell you I am not managing a farm. I am trying to cut my grass and dispose of it so my yard can remain beautiful. To just run over it with a lawnmower and let the ground absorb the clippings repeatedly over time, only clogs your yard's pores. You need to pick up the leaves with a lawnmower bag from time to time to allow the grass to grow freely.

Overall, the county commission's interfering with Johnson County residents' waste disposal pick-up is making it extremely difficult to keep our yards beautiful and to adequately dispose of the resulting refuse from adequate yard management. It has such minute and unnecessary requirements and restrictions, that even my own waste disposal company could not adequately

explain it, and I have a very competent company. Also the aforementioned October revisions have raised the cost of pick-up for residents at a time when our nation is experiencing a severe financial crises. The Commission and all others responsible for this maze of restrictions should instead try to lower costs, not raise them exorbitantly.

The waste of gas for fueling these monstrous disposal trucks (three individual trucks for three different pick-ups, all in the same time period) is not sensible and imposes an undue burden on the citizens for its cost, at a time of spiralling gas prices. Also such trucks have an impact on the street surfaces, resulting in higher street repaving and maintenance costs. Then there is the issue of noise pollution, already mentioned.

I am sure I have not covered all the reasons I support Rep. Grosserode's bill HB 2662, but the above are a few reasons.

Sincerely,

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