

collection, Franchisee shall investigate and, if such allegations are confirmed, shall arrange for the collection of the residential solid waste not collected within two (2) business days after the complaint is received.

**41. Compliance with Solid Waste Ordinance and Other Applicable Laws.** Franchisee shall operate and provide its residential solid waste collection services and any and all of its activities arising from or related to such services strictly in accordance with the conditions, terms, provisions, requirements, and obligations of this Franchise, the Solid Waste Ordinance, other applicable ordinances of the County, and all other applicable federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations.

**42. Order of Precedence.** In case of conflict between the terms of this Franchise and any of the following, the order of precedence shall be (a) applicable federal statutes, rules, and regulations, (b) applicable state statutes, rules and regulations, (c) the Solid Waste Ordinance, (d) other ordinances of Lowndes County, (e) this Franchise.

**43. Georgia Illegal Immigration Legislation.** This Franchise is and shall be conditioned upon Franchisee's having provided to the County prior to issuance of this Franchise (a) evidence required by OCGA § 36-60-6 that Franchisee is authorized to use the Federal Work Authorization Program (or evidence that it is not required by OCGA § 36-60-6 to provide such evidence) and (b) evidence pursuant to OCGA § 50-36-1 that Franchisee is lawfully present in the United States. Franchisee shall utilize the Federal Work Authorization Program as required by OCGA § 36-60-6.

**44. Independent Status; No Agency.** Franchisee shall be, and is, an independent operator, and is not an agent, contractor, or employee of the County and is operating its residential solid waste collection service and business in its own manner and method subject to the overall requirements of this Franchise and the Solid Waste Ordinance and at its sole risk and expense. Franchisee and its officers, employees, agents, and representatives shall have no authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of or bind the County in any capacity whatsoever as agent or otherwise.

**45. Non-Transferability of Franchise.** This Franchise shall not be transferable or assignable in whole or in part without the prior written consent of the County, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any direct or indirect change in ownership or control of Franchisee shall be considered an assignment of this Franchise. Any successor to the business or operations of the Franchisee shall be required to obtain its own franchise pursuant to the Solid Waste Ordinance.

**46. Taxes, Fees, Assessments.** In addition to franchise fees and rebates paid pursuant to this Franchise, Franchisee shall pay to Lowndes County any other taxes, fees, and other assessments imposed by Lowndes County, including occupation taxes, applicable to Franchisee.

**47. Permits and Licenses.** In addition to this Franchise, Franchisee shall also obtain any governmental permits and licenses applicable to Franchisee's residential solid waste collection service, business and operations which are required of Franchisee by any government or agency.