

**50. Waiver.** Any waiver of any breach of this Franchise or violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance shall not be considered a waiver of any other breach, nor of a subsequent breach of this Franchise or violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance.

**51. Severability.** To the extent any provision of this Franchise is prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Franchise.

**52. Governing Law.** This Franchise shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Georgia without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles thereof.

**53. Remedies for Breach or Violation.** In the event of an alleged breach of any of the terms or conditions of this Franchise or violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance by Franchisee, the County shall provide written notice of such breach or violation to Franchisee, which notice shall specify the alleged breach or violation in reasonable detail. If within twenty (20) days from the date of such notice, Franchisee has either failed to correct the breach or violation or reach an agreement with the County on a mutually satisfactory solution, then the County may, within thirty (30) days of such notice of such breach or violation, give additional notice to Franchisee requiring Franchisee to appear before the Board of Commissioners at such time specified by the Board of Commissioners, to show cause why this Franchise should not be terminated. After such meeting, the Board of Commissioners may elect:

(a) to terminate this Franchise effective thirty (30) days from the date of written notice of such termination,

(b) to extend the time to allow Franchisee to cure the breach or violation,

(c) to impose sanctions not in excess of \$100 per day or fraction thereof during the period each such breach or violation continues uncured for the first ten (10) days of such breach or violation; not in excess of \$250 per day or fraction thereof during the 11<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> day each such breach or violation continues without cure; and not in excess of \$500 per day or fraction thereof during the period each such breach or violation continues uncured after twenty (20) days, or

(d) to impose other remedies lawfully available to the County without terminating this Franchise.

**54. Attorneys' Fees.** In the event of an action at law or in equity by the County to enforce any provision of this Franchise or the Solid Waste Ordinance against Franchisee, Franchisee shall pay to the County all reasonable attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs incurred by the County in enforcing this Franchise or the Solid Waste Ordinance against Franchisee.

**55. Jurisdiction; Venue.** In the event either party commences a lawsuit or other proceeding relating to or arising from this Franchise or the Solid Waste Ordinance, the parties agree and consent to the jurisdiction of the state or federal courts having jurisdiction over Lowndes County, Georgia for and over any such lawsuit or other proceeding that may arise under or in connection with this Franchise. The location of any of such courts shall be proper venue for any such lawsuit or judicial proceeding and the parties hereto waive any objection to such venue.