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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Environmental Concerns Committee

**THROUGH:** Carl S. Goldsmith, Director of Public Works *CS*

**FROM:** David P. Gorman, Asst. Director of Public Works *DPG*

**SUBJECT:** **Composting Code Amendment**

**DATE:** November 19, 2008

Per the Committee's request, staff has prepared the attached draft amendment to the Village Code in order to add "biodegradable food waste" as acceptable composting material. Staff proposes to forward the Committee's recommendation regarding this proposed Code amendment to the Board of Trustees concurrently with the previously recommended Compost Bin Grant Program.

DG:dg Compost Code Memo to ECC  
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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 92  
OF THE LOMBARD VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO COMPOSTING



**BE IT ORDAINED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lombard, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That Title 9, Chapter 92, Sections 92.40 through 92.42 of the Lombard Village Code are amended to read in their entirety as follows:

***COMPOSTING***

**§ 92.40 PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The purpose and intent of this Chapter is to promote the recycling of landscape waste and biodegradable food waste through composting, and to establish minimum standards for composting.

**§92.41 DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Chapter, the following words and terms shall be defined as follows:

(A) “Compost” shall be defined as the humus-like product of the process of composting landscape waste and biodegradable food waste, which may be used as a soil conditioner.

(B) “Composting” shall be defined as the biological treatment process by which microorganisms decompose the organic fraction of landscape waste and biodegradable food waste, producing compost.

(C) “Compost Bin” shall be defined as an enclosure constructed of concrete blocks, brick, wood, woven wire or durable plastic which surrounds a compost pile.

(D) “Compost Pile” shall be defined as an area in which composting takes place.

(E) “Landscape Waste” shall be defined as all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees.

(F) “Biodegradable Food Waste” shall be defined as all accumulations of vegetables, fruits and grain products, and nothing else.

**§92.42 STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS**

(A) All compost piles shall be enclosed in a free standing compost bin.

(B) Each compost bin shall be no larger in volume than one hundred twenty-five (125) cubic feet, and shall be no taller than five (5') feet.

(C) No more than three (3) compost bin may be located on any lot used for residential purposes.

(D) All compost bins/piles shall be maintained so as to prevent the attraction or harborage of rodents.

(E) All compost bins/piles shall be maintained so as to prevent unpleasant odors.

(F) All composting shall be done in accordance with any process which has been found to be an acceptable composting process by the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

(G) Compost piles shall only be made up of landscape waste and biodegradable food waste.

(H) No compost pile/bin shall be located in any front yard or corner side yard.

(I) A compost pile/bin may be located in a side yard provided, however, that it shall not be located in any side yard setback required by the zoning Ordinance.

(J) A compost pile/bin may be located in a rear yard provided, however, that it shall not be located within three (3) feet of any lot line.

**SECTION 2:** That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

Passed on first reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

First reading waived by action of the Board of Trustees this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

Passed on second reading this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED** by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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William J. Mueller  
Village President

ATTEST:

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Brigitte O'Brien  
Village Clerk

Published by me in pamphlet form this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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Brigitte O'Brien  
Village Clerk