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## Food Waste Waiver Application

In an effort to divert organic material away from landfill disposal, the City of South Lake Tahoe has adopted ordinances (Code section 4.150.630), which require food waste separation and recycling for most commercial businesses that generate such material.

However, certain businesses may qualify for a waiver. Waiver types are listed below and the application to apply is on the following page. Waivers may be requested for each type of exemption you believe applies to your business/property. There are three types of waiver requests:

**1. Self-haul Waiver.** This is applicable if you haul your separated food waste to a facility for recycling.

- Self-haulers must maintain disposal/recycling records and divert food waste from landfills.
- Your business must agree to submit information to the City periodically to verify continued self-haul compliance (i.e copy of receipts from recycling facility).

**2. Waiver for Businesses with Minimal Food Waste (i.e. “De Minimis Waiver”).** Businesses that generate a limited amount of food waste may apply for a “de minimis” waiver if they have:

- Total solid waste disposal of two cubic yards or more per week, and includes food waste of less than 20 gallons per week; **or**
- Total solid waste disposal of less than two cubic yards per week, and includes food waste of less than 10 gallons per week.

**3. Physical Space Waiver.** Businesses that generate food waste but lack space for a separate or additional food waste collection container may request a physical space constraint waiver.

- To qualify, you must demonstrate that space constraints cannot be resolved by downsizing existing containers or other solutions. You must first work with your hauler to consider solutions to space constraints.

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**NOTE:** City of South Lake Tahoe approved waivers are valid for a period of five (5) years. It shall be the applicant’s responsibility to apply for a waiver renewal 30 days prior to the expiration date. Failure to renew a waiver prior to the expiration date does not waive any penalties or fines for noncompliance that may be incurred. (This requirement is consistent with the guidelines outlined in Section 18995.1. (A)(6) of the SB 1383 regulations).

**To apply for a waiver, please complete the Food Waste Waiver Application form on the following page and submit to: [organics@southtahoerefuse.com](mailto:organics@southtahoerefuse.com) along with any supporting documentation (i.e photos, service records, disposal receipts).**

# Food Waste Waiver Application Form

Type of Application:  New Application  Renewal  Appeal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION

Business or Multi-Family Complex Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Multi-Family Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Multi-Family Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (for designated representative who should receive related notices from City of SLT):

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## WAIVER TYPE:

**SELF-HAUL WAIVER** (for businesses that haul their food waste to a facility for composting/recycling)  
*Please provide the following information and be prepared to provide receipts or other documentation verifying proper recycling.*

- Facility where this material is taken for recycling: \_\_\_\_\_

**DE MINIMIS WAIVER** (for businesses with minimal food waste)  
*Please provide the following information and submit supporting documentation such as: hauler verification, photos, etc.*

- Average amount of food waste collected per week:
  - ≥ 2 cubic yards of waste & < 20 gallons of food waste
  - < 2 cubic yards of waste & < 10 gallons of food waste

**PHYSICAL SPACE WAIVER** (for businesses that lack adequate space for a separate food waste container)  
*Please provide supporting documentation to support the application: hauler verification, photos, blueprints, etc.*

- Property does not have the physical space to add additional food waste recycling containers

Customer Attestation: *I certify that all the information presented in this application is correct and assume responsibility to notify City of South Lake Tahoe and my hauler of any changes. I understand that this waiver expires five years from the approval date and accept that it is my responsibility to apply for a waiver renewal 30 days prior to the expiration date. Failure to renew a waiver prior to the expiration date does not waive any penalties or fines for noncompliance that may be incurred.*

Name of person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of person submitting application: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR CITY AND/OR HAULER OFFICE USE ONLY:

Hauler Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes/Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

CSLT Representative Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved  Denied/Reason: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_