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**KWAJALEIN ATOLL LOCAL COUNCIL  
KWAJALEIN ATOLL LOCAL GOVERNMENT**



**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE 2025**

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AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AND ESTABLISH A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PROPER HANDLING, COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION, PROCESSING, AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL JURISDICTION, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSE.

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**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL LOCAL COUNCIL**

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**§1. Short title.**

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This Act may be cited as the Solid Waste Management Ordinance 2025.

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**§2. Purpose.**

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The Ordinance aims to:

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(1) Protect public health and the environment through proper waste management;

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(2) Promote waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting;

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(3) Ensure the efficient collection, transportation, and disposal of solid waste;

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(4) Penalize improper waste disposal and other harmful waste-related practices;

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(5) Ensure protection and manage solid waste facilities on Ebeye, and or other facilities on Kwajalein Atoll.

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**§3. Definition**

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For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- 1 (a) "Biodegradable Waste" means organic waste that can be  
2 decomposed naturally;
- 3 (b) "Business Establishment" means any individual or organization  
4 engaged in a commercial activity whose purpose is to generate  
5 revenue or profit
- 6 (c) "Hazardous Waste" means waste that poses risks to health or the  
7 environment;
- 8 (d) "Head of House" means the person who either owns, rents or  
9 occupies a residential unit under his or her name and or is the  
10 primary provider for persons residing within the premises;
- 11 (e) "Non-Biodegradable Waste" means waste that does not  
12 decompose easily (e.g., plastics, metals);
- 13 (f) "Non-profit organization" means any organization whose primary  
14 purpose is not to make a profit and includes but is limited to  
15 educational, religious, legal or other social organization;
- 16 (g) "Residual Waste" means waste that cannot be recycled or  
17 composted.
- 18 (h) Waste Segregation – The process of separating waste into different  
19 categories;
- 20 (i) "Residential Unit" means a dwelling place where a single person,  
21 a nuclear or an extended family resides;
- 22 (j) "Solid Waste Management Facility" means a sanitary landfilled, or  
23 an intermediate disposal facility as described under Section 8;
- 24 (k) "Solid Waste Management" means the storage, collection, or  
25 removal of solid waste from or on public or private places. Its  
26 transportation to intermediate or final disposal facilities;
- 27 (l) "Solid Waste" means garbage, refuse, sludge from a water supply  
28 treatment plant or other discarded waste materials and sludge, in  
29 solid, semi-solid, liquid or contained gaseous form, resulting from  
30 household, industrial, commercial or agricultural activities or  
31 community activities but does not include hazardous waste, animal  
32 waste, fertilizers, bolders, rocks, sewage sludges, or chemicals or  
33 other by-product materials.  
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1 **§4. Waste Segregation and Collection.**

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3 (1) All residential unit, businesses establishments, and non-profit organizations  
4 shall segregate their waste into:

- 5 (a) Biodegradable Waste (to be composted);  
6 (b) Recyclable Waste (to be placed in designated bins for recycling);  
7 (c) Residual Waste (to be collected by the municipal waste service);  
8 (d) Hazardous Waste (to be disposed of according to national regulations);

9 (2) The local government shall provide waste collection schedules for different  
10 waste types.

11 (3) The locations for collection are Ebeye, South Loi, North Loi, Bijunkur, Ebwoj,  
12 Gugeegue and Ngenge Islands

13 **§5. Levy of Collection and Disposal Fee.**

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15 (1) There is hereby established and levied a monthly garbage collection and disposal  
16 for residential and non-profit organizations, small business (mom & pop) and for large  
17 business as follows:

- 18 (a) Resident and non-profit organizations (churches) \$10.00  
19 (b) Small businesses (Mom & Pop) \$20.00  
20 (c) Large business \$30.00

21 (2) It shall be the responsibility of the head of each household, the manager in charge  
22 of a non-profit organization, and the owner of small business and large business to  
23 pay the fees herein levied. Otherwise, KALGOV finance will collect these fees on  
24 monthly basis.

25 **§6. Payment of Fees.**

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27 The fees levied under Section 5 shall be due and payable on or before the first  
28 day of each month and every month, and shall be paid to the Director of Finance or to  
29 his or her assistance or designated representatives.

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**§7. Prohibition Acts.**

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In addition to other Ordinances, the following acts are prohibited and punishable under this Ordinance:

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(1) Littering in public places such as roads, parks, docks and waterways;

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(2) Open burning of solid waste;

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(3) Illegal dumping of garbage in unauthorized locations;

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(4) Failure to segregate waste at the source;

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(5) Unauthorized collection and disposal of solid waste.

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**§8. Solid Waste Management Facility.**

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(1) There is hereby established a Solid Waste Facility in Ebeye (Also known as Ebeye Dumpsite) or other locations on Kwajalein, which shall be managed by Kwajalein Atoll Local Government or it's designated management.

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(2) Access to the facility is strictly restricted to authorized personnel directly involved in its operational activities. No person shall be allowed to enter unlawfully.

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(3) No child or minor below the age of 18 years shall be allowed to enter the facility.

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(4) No person shall dump, place or throw any kind of waste outside of the boundary of the facility.

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**§9. Penalties and Fines.**

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(1) Pursuant to Section 5, a head of each household, a manager in charge of a non-profit organization, and the owner of a business establishment who fails to pay on or before the first day of each month, shall be charged with the amount due and additional 20 percent per week for the amount due. Provided however, for a head of a household, who may prove that due financial hardship is unable to pay, but in lieu of which he or she or his or her

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1 household shall perform community service for 10 days in a month until such time they  
2 are able to pay the full amount.

3 (2) For offenses relating to Section 7 shall be penalized as follows:

4 (a) First Offense – Warning and mandatory community service at the solid  
5 waste facility for 1 hour;

6 (b) Second Offense – Fine of \$25 for individual or community service (4  
7 hours) , Fine of \$100 for Non-profit organization or businesses ;

8 (c) Third Offense –Fine of \$50 for individual or community service (8 hours)  
9 , Fine of \$200 for Non-profit organization or businesses ;

10 (d) Fourth and Subsequent Offenses – Fine of \$300 for individual or  
11 imprisonment of up to 10 days, or both, at the discretion of the court. For  
12 Non-profit or business fine of \$500.

13 (3) For offenses relating to disposal of waste outside of the facility shall be fine \$50 for  
14 each incident.

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16 **§10. Repeal**

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18 The Garbage Collection Ordinance 1996-76 is hereby repealed.

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20 **§11. Effective Date**

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22 This Ordinance shall come into effect upon it being passed and approved by  
23 the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

(1) that the above Ordinance No.2025- 05, was passed and approved by the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government on the 31 day of March, 2025

(2) That I am satisfied that Ordinance No.2025 - 05, has been passed and approved in accordance with the Constitution of the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government and Rules of Procedures of the Council.

Attest:

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Hirata Kabua, Mayor  
Kwajalein Atoll Local Government  
Government

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Robert Nenam, Clerk  
Kwajalein Atoll Local

