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HB 146

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
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Clay Vincent, Sanitarian  
Hill County Health and Planning  
315 4th St.  
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**RE: Letter of support for House Bill No. 146**

Dear Mr. Vincent:

In recent weeks the City of Bozeman has received word that proposed House Bill No. 146 would prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from collecting annual license fees for a solid waste facility until the facility receives solid waste. In reviewing the bill the City of Bozeman supports this legislative action.

In 2004 the City of Bozeman applied for, and was granted, a license for a solid waste transfer station. At the time the solid waste division for Bozeman was in a state of flux. The operating class II cell that served the city was reaching capacity and the bids for the construction of a new transfer station far exceeded the budget. Ultimately the city chose not to build the transfer station and instead direct hauled the solid waste to the Gallatin County landfill in Logan.

Bozeman kept the transfer station license current for a few years while they determined whether the proposed transfer station would ever become a reality. The annual fees for this transfer station license were \$1,260. In 2007 the city quit paying the license fees. In 2008 the DEQ notified the City that in order to keep the transfer station license current they would need to pay all back charges and the fees for the upcoming 2009 calendar year. At that time the City decided that the required \$3,780 in fees to keep a license for a facility that never was constructed was not in their best interest and let the license lapse. Altogether the City paid for licensing for 2005 and 2006 totaling \$2,520.

At this time the City of Bozeman has no intention of constructing a transfer station or any other solid waste facility and would have no financial gain if House Bill No. 146 were to pass. However, based on the City's experience in paying for a license for a facility that was never operational, the City supports this reasonable piece of legislation.

If you have any questions regarding our experience in this matter please feel free to contact me or Dustin Johnson the project engineer who managed the project at the time at (406)-582-2280.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works City of Bozeman

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