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Interstate Waste Movement/Municipal Ordinance: Shreveport, Louisiana, Prohibits Transportation of Waste Collected in the City Out of State

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The publication Waste Today published a January 12th article titled:

Shreveport, Louisiana, Makes It Illegal to Take Trash Out of State ("Article")

The *Article* states that the Shreveport, Louisiana, City Council enacted an ordinance which prohibits private sanitation companies from moving waste collected in the city to out-of-state landfills.

The Article cites a report by KTBS.

Instead, the ordinance mandates that waste haulers use Shreveport's landfill (i.e., Woolworth Road Landfill ["Woolworth"].

The Article cites City Council members' motivation as the loss of:

Several million dollars in revenue from private waste hauling companies taking waste out of state, leaving the city in a shortfall.

Violation of the ordinance potentially triggers a \$500 civil penalty.

Note that in 2021 Shreveport enacted an ordinance (74-53) requiring that:

... any person who hauls waste from any place of building for hire within the city limits of Shreveport to obtain a permit from the city.

74.52.1 then required (with limited exceptions) that:

... all persons required to obtain a permit pursuant to Sec. 74-53 "shall dispose of" all solid waste only at Woolworth Road Landfill.

Shreveport filed in 2021 a judicial action in the First District Court/Caddo Parish against six waste haulers alleging a failure to utilize Woolworth. It alleged that they were required to dispose of all waste collected within the city limits of Shreveport at Woolworth.

The trial judge refused to enforce the ordinance.

The KTBS Article states that a Councilman is quoted as stating regarding the new ordinance:

... We can't stop the DeSota Parish traffic, but we can stop it from going to Texas. And I think that's what we did today, so I am happy about that (citing Councilman Grayson Boucher).

A copy of the KTBS Article can be found here.