

## SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CODE

### **Sec. 2-45. Citizen request to present a matter to the board.**

Any citizen desiring to present any matter concerning the services, policies and affairs of the county or claims against the board shall be allotted appropriate time to present his case by the presiding officer. The presentation of the claim shall not exceed twenty (20) minutes and each speaker may not exceed five (5) minutes. Every citizen desiring to present a matter to the board shall, by noon on the sixth calendar day prior to the meeting notify the clerk of the board of his intent to speak and the topic in writing. The notice shall describe in detail the nature of the issue to be presented to the board and the remedy, if any, that the citizen will ask of the board. No citizen shall speak on any matter of business which is the subject of an ordinance or resolution included on the board's agenda for that day unless authorized by the presiding officer.

Persons appearing before the board will not be allowed to:

- (a) Campaign for public office;
- (b) Address matters within the administrative province of the county administration;
- (c) Engage in personal attacks; or
- (d) Use profanity or vulgar language.

Any person speaking to a matter shall be limited to such period of time as shall be allotted by the presiding officer when necessary to preserve order and the efficiency of the meeting. (Code 1976, § 2-11; Ord. of 2-22-93)

**State law reference**— The Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Code of Virginia, § 2.1-340 et seq.; board of supervisors to sit with open doors, Code of Virginia, § 15.1-539.

**BRENDA DAVIS**

# SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY



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January 17, 2012

Ms. Brenda Davis  
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Dear Ms. Davis:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter last week requesting time at the next Board of Supervisors meeting to discuss scavenging at solid waste collection sites.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2012 in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Southampton County Office Center, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland. This matter will appear as agenda item #7A.

Chairman Jones will call for your comments at the appropriate time.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael W. Johnson'.

Michael W. Johnson  
County Administrator

January 12, 2012

Michael Johnson  
Southampton County Administrator  
P.O. Box 400  
Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am requesting to be heard at the next Southampton County Administrative Meeting on January 23, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the Waste Stations located in Southampton County.

I spoke with one of your employees, John, who informed me of a 1990 Law in the Southampton County stating removal of items, was not allowed at any of the Waste Stations located in Southampton County. I am asking to have this Law Revised to help the unfortunate and not to be used to make a profit. Waste costs the tax payers money and could be recycled or given to help others.

Up until now, I have obtained items from outside of the containers and given them to those who were unfortunate in income and helping those by giving items they needed when I could. I washed clothing before giving any of them away to others and washed/sanitized items before giving other items away. I do not use the Waste Stations to make a profit, but have helped others. I inquired about obtaining items on top of full containers which had no names/paperwork/identifiable items to give to others is how I found out about the 1990 law and I understand this law has never been enforced in the past. Southampton County staff working these sites has removed items from inside and outside of the Waste Stations to benefit themselves in the past is why I questioned why I, a tax payer of Southampton County, could not also remove items to help others. I would like to suggest to the Administration suggestions of how items (cribs, dressers, clothing, household items, etc.) could be not thrown away and collected for organizations to help our community. The Salvation Army, CHKD, Habitat for Humanity, Cooperative Ministries (in Franklin), Senior Services, Churches who have clothing & food banks, etc. are always in need of assistance. I am willing to help in organizing a system to obtain items before they are discarded if the Southampton County Administration would give me the opportunity.

I understand as a safety issue is why items should not be removed from the containers has been brought up several times. I would in writing, not hold anyone responsible if I should scratch, etc. myself in removing an item which was to be easily removed from the container to benefit someone else.

Items not in the waste containers cost the tax payers to remove such items which could be recycled by giving them to those unfortunate to purchase said items they need. Simple everyday items to some people mean a lot to someone who receives an item they could never afford. I was fortunate to obtain child items against the fence during this past year to give to a family who could not afford Christmas for their 3 children. The parents could not say Thank You enough to help them make their children happy with used items I had cleaned before giving to them.

A Safety Issue needs to be addressed where all containers need a low fence around the cement to avoid people from falling in the container. IOW County has containers in Carrsville which are very safe containers for those to use.

I look forward from hearing from you if I can be heard at the next meeting. I can be reached at (757) 646-5373.

Thank you for taking the time in regards to my letter.

Sincerely,



Brenda Davis

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Cc: self

January 17, 2012

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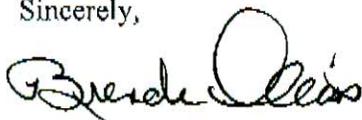
Amendment to my letter submitted on January 12, 2012

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In regards to the letter I submitted to you on January 12, 2012, I would like to have these amendments added to my letter to correct my said request I submitted to be heard at the next Southampton County Meeting on January 23, 2012. I would like to have the revision to say not obtaining the removable of any items from inside of the waste containers but from outside of the containers. I am asking Southampton County to post a sign at the opening of the gate and also at the fence inside the gate informing Southampton County Tax Payers of The Removal of Any Items From The Waste Containers was Illegal per The Law which went into affect in 1990 and the said Penalty and also posting a separate sign Informing All Southampton County Tax Payers they had the right to drop off items at the fence inside the gate for those unfortunate who could benefit the need to use these items and to also have the right to remove these items to give to those who are having hard times, removal of these items for themselves if needed by them or to give these items to other families who need the items. I have seen furniture, food, clothing, new items, and all household items which could have been recycled by giving them to another family who needed these items instead of destroying them. The sign should also state that Southampton County would not be liable for any scratches or injuries received from dropping off items by the fence or removal of these items outside of the containers to help others.

I look forward from hearing from you if I can be heard at the next county meeting. I can be reached at (757) 646-5373. Thank you for taking the time in regards to my letter.

Sincerely,



Brenda Davis  
Cc: self

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**Sec. 13-7. Scavenging, trespassing at solid waste collection stations.**

No scavenging or unauthorized trespassing shall be allowed at any county owned solid waste station at any time.

(Ord. of 4-23-90, § 12.1-7)