

RESOLUTION #2011-172

A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE CITY LANDFILL CHARGES FOR TREES GREATER THAN 24 INCHES IN DIAMETER THAT ARE COLLECTED AND DISPOSED OF PURSUANT TO THE MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE SUPPRESSION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has declared the mountain pine beetle invasion an emergency within the City of Rapid City and adopted a mountain pine beetle suppression plan; and

WHEREAS, the City's mountain pine beetle suppression plan calls for the removal and destruction of living trees identified as being infested with mountain pine beetle; and

WHEREAS, the City Landfill has established a fee for any tree over twenty-four (24) inches in diameter (the "Fee"); and

WHEREAS, amending or waiving the Fee requires Council approval pursuant to Rapid City Municipal Code section 8.08.070(E); and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Council deems it is in the City's best interest to waive the Fee for mountain pine beetle infested trees over twenty-four (24) inches in diameter in order to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City that the City Landfill fee for trees greater than twenty-four (24) inches in diameter is hereby waived for any and all trees brought to the City Landfill via the mountain pine beetle suppression plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City of Rapid City that the Landfill Superintendent or his or her designee is required to verify that any and all trees for which the Fee waiver is requested are being disposed of pursuant to the City of Rapid City's mountain pine beetle suppression plan.

DATED this ____ day of December, 2011.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST:

Finance Officer

(SEAL)