ORDINANCE NUMBER 2014-___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA RELATING TO LANDFILLS AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES; CLARIFYING ORDINANCE 2013-35 IN RELATION TO SOLID WASTE FEES FOR THE SAHUARITA LOCATION.

The Board Finds that:

1. Pima County maintains a location in Sahuarita for the disposal of solid waste and charges a fee for disposal of solid waste in Sahuarita.
2. The fee adopted in Ordinance 2013-35 for solid waste disposal at the Sahuarita location was scheduled to increase effective July 1, 2014.
3. The July 1, 2014 Sahuarita fee increase was adopted based on the anticipated increased costs associated with the conversion of the Sahuarita solid waste disposal location from the Sahuarita Landfill to the Sahuarita Transfer Station because the landfill would have limited remaining capacity and would no longer have room to dispose solid waste from the public onsite.
4. The Sahuarita Landfill is still able to accept solid waste for onsite disposal.
5. The Board did not intend the fee for solid waste disposal at the Sahuarita location to increase until it became necessary to operate a transfer station in Sahuarita and incur the additional cost associated with the planned Sahuarita Transfer Station.
6. As of July 1, 2014 Pima County had not started to incur the additional cost associated with the operation of a Sahuarita Transfer Station.
7. It is important for the public health and for environmental protection for the Sahuarita area residents and businesses to be able to dispose of solid waste at a location in or near Sahuarita to allow for the proper disposal of waste material in an approved facility.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1:
Effective July 1, 2014 and until it is necessary to begin operating Pima County’s Sahuarita solid waste disposal location as the Sahuarita Transfer Station, the fee for solid waste disposal at the Sahuarita location will remain the amount effective on September 6, 2013 originally established by Ordinance 2013-35, as follows:

Commercial: $32.50/ton (minimum $15)
Residential: $15/vehicle (less than 1 ton); $32.50/ton.

When the Sahuarita Landfill is no longer able to accept solid waste from the public and the Sahuarita Transfer Station is in operation the increased Sahuarita Transfer Station Fee established by Ordinance 2013-35 will be charged.
Section 2. It is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of Pima County that this Ordinance become immediately effective, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance is effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Pima County, Arizona, this ______ day of ______________, 2014

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Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM: REVIEWED BY:

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Deputy County Attorney          Ursula Nelson, Director
Department of Environmental Quality