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**San Francisco Department of the Environment Regulation #SFE-21-02-C&D
Regulations Changes to the Construction and Demolition Debris Recovery Ordinance
(Ordinance No. 144-21 and Public Works Code Section 725)**

Regulation Effective Date: January 1, 2022

A. Authorization

A law amending the Construction and Demolition Debris Recovery Ordinance (No. 144-21) was signed by the Mayor on September 24, 2021. The ordinance amends Chapter 14 of the Environment Code as well as the Public Works, Health, and Administrative Codes. The updated Ordinance now:

- requires transporters of construction and demolition debris to obtain a temporary or annual permit from the Department of Environment (“SFE”) for each vehicle and debris box used for such transport and to comply with permit conditions;
- requires facilities that process such debris to register with the Department of Environment and comply with updated registration conditions;
- requires each person who conducts full demolition projects as permitted by the Department of Building Inspection to submit to the Director of SFE a material reduction and recovery plan to provide for at least 75% recovery away from disposal instead of 65% as required under existing law, and to verify the 75% recovery rate after completing the project; and,
- authorizes the Director to impose administrative penalties for violations.

This law is operative on January 1, 2022.

The Director of SFE promulgates these regulations and associated forms pursuant to her authority to adopt regulations, guidelines, and forms and take any other actions as reasonable and necessary to implement and enforce rules and regulations under section 1410 of the Environment Code.

B. Scope

The purpose of these regulations is to provide clarity on the annual permit cycle for the improved implementation of the Ordinance.

C. Process

SFE has consulted with the Department of Public Works in promulgating these regulations.

The Director held a public hearing to discuss these regulations on December 30, 2021. Regulations will take effect on January 1, 2022.

D. Definitions

The terms used in these Regulations have the same meanings as in the Ordinance. The definitions are in Section 1401. The full Ordinance can be found here: <https://sfenvironment.org/construction-demolition-requirements>

E. Requirement for Defining the Twelve-Month Annual Permit Cycle

Consistent with the previous Annual Debris Box permit issuance under San Francisco Public Works Code 725, the Department of the Environment will require Annual Transport Permits for debris boxes and vehicles to correspond to the calendar year rather than the Department's fiscal year. Annual Transport Permits are required for each impacted debris box and/or vehicle effective January 1 of each year beginning January 1, 2022 and remain valid through December 31 of the corresponding calendar year.

The Director of the Department of the Environment hereby adopts these regulations as of the date specified below.

Deborah O. Raphael

Director Department of the Environment

Approved: 

Date: 1/10/2022