

## **IX. District Rules [ORC Section 3734.53(C)]**

### **A. Existing Rules**

The Mercer County Solid Waste Management District has not adopted any rules; having always been an enthusiastic advocate of free market dynamics. Furthermore, the District believes that it is the role of the Ohio EPA to act as regulator of solid waste and, as such, the “rule makers”. Consequently, the Policy Committee of the District considers that any rules they might desire have already been promulgated by the State and it would be redundant bureaucracy for local rules to be imposed.

The District’s Board of Directors have historically viewed themselves as facilitators and sponsors of a strong local program and will continue to assist the State in enforcing existing and future state-level solid waste rules.

### **B. Proposed Rules**

There are no rules proposed at this time. However, the Policy Committee recognizes that the planning process is an educated guess of future behavior and that the eventual reality can, and probably will, differ from our expectations. Therefore, this Plan authorizes the Board of Directors to make rules as they best determine (in accordance with all applicable laws and enabling legislation).

This section explicitly reserves the right for the Board of Directors to conduct any lawful solid waste rule making process deemed necessary for successful implementation if this Plan at any time during the planning period (in accordance with all applicable laws and enabling legislation). This includes, but is not limited to rules pertaining to governing the maintenance, protection, and use of solid waste collection, transfer, disposal, recycling, or resource recovery facilities.