

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON SANITATION AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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March 11, 2009  
Start: 10:53 am  
Recess: 10:57 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:  
Robert Jackson  
Acting Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Maria del Carmen Arroyo  
James F. Gennaro  
Jessica S. Lappin  
Larry B. Seabrook

## A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

William Martin  
Clerk to the Committee

2 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Quiet please.

3 [Gavel banging]

4 SERGEANT AT ARMS: Down please.

5 ACTING CHAIR JACKSON: Good morning  
6 and welcome. My name is Robert Jackson and I'm--  
7 will be serving as Chair of the Sanitation and  
8 Solid Waste Committee this morning in place of our  
9 colleague Simcha Felder who is the Chair of the  
10 Committee who will not be with us due to the  
11 unfortunately death of his father. And I believe  
12 I speak on behalf of the entire Committee and the  
13 entire Council when I say that our deepest  
14 condolences go out to Council Member Simcha Felder  
15 and his family at the loss of his father. Our  
16 thoughts and prayers are with him today.

17 Turning to our business here today,  
18 the Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste  
19 Management will be voting on Intro number 840.  
20 This bill would do two things. First it would  
21 increase the annual permit fee for the operators  
22 of solid waste transfer stations. And second it  
23 would establish a new registration fee for  
24 intermodal waste container facilities.

25 Specifically the annual permit fee

2 for non-putrescible solid waste transfer stations  
3 would increase from \$3,500 to \$7,000. In addition  
4 the annual permit fee for putrescible solid waste  
5 transfer stations would increase from \$6,500 to  
6 \$13,000. Finally the bill would create a new  
7 annual registration fee of \$7,000 for intermodal  
8 solid waste container facilities.

9           According to the Administration,  
10 the Department of Sanitation uses the money  
11 generated by these fees to oversee the operation  
12 of the 54, (5, 4) privately owned stations and  
13 facilities throughout the City. The Department of  
14 Sanitation currently employs a staff of 24  
15 employees to carry out this work.

16           Notably these fees have not  
17 increased since 1990. Over the course of that  
18 time the rules and regulations governing the  
19 operation of these stations have become more  
20 stringent and oversight by the Department of  
21 Sanitation requires greater resources in terms of  
22 time and manpower.

23           Without anything further, I would  
24 now like to begin these proceedings. Any  
25 questions from any members?

2 Let me say who's present on Solid  
3 Waste Management committee. From my left, going  
4 around the table, Larry Seabrook of the Bronx,  
5 Maria Del Carmen Arroyo of the Bronx, Jim Gennaro  
6 of Queens, and Jessica Lappin of Manhattan and  
7 myself as Acting Chair for today only from  
8 Manhattan. Hearing no questions, I'm going to ask  
9 the Clerk to identify himself and call the roll.

10 MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: William  
11 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call on the  
12 Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management  
13 in Introduction 840. Council Member Jackson.

14 ACTING CHAIR JACKSON: I vote aye.

15 MR. MARTIN: Gennaro.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER GENNARO: Yes.

17 MR. MARTIN: Seabrook.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: I vote

19 aye.

20 MR. MARTIN: Arroyo.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

22 MR. MARTIN: Lappin.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

24 MR. MARTIN: By a vote of five in  
25 the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

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2 abstentions, the item is adopted. Members please  
3 sign the Committee Report. Thank you.

4 ACTING CHAIR JACKSON: With that  
5 this hearing of the Solid Waste Management  
6 Committee is hereby adjourned.

7 [Gavel banging]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature     Laura L. Springate    

Date     March 16, 2009