

January 28, 2018

To the Honorable GLPC Members, Celine Gladwin, GL McLendon, Johnny Ball, Chip Wildes, Franklin Bailey, Tommy Willis, Jody Hall, Ed Hightower, Vicki Roundtree, Dr. Keith Sandlin and Matt Martin, City Planning and Zoning Administrator

Re: Opposition to Request for a Solid Waste Transfer Station Agenda Item #10

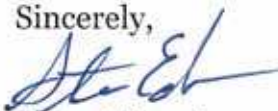
Dear Honorable GLPC Members and Mr. Martin:

My name is Steve Edwards with Evergreen Landfill and I am asking you to deny the applicant's request for a solid waste transfer station for the following two primary reasons:

1. The request is inconsistent to the City's Ordinances for such uses. Specifically, in the City of Valdosta Supplemental Standards of the LDR Applicable to the Proposed Use Section 218-13 Standards of Use and Development (LLL) Solid Waste Transfer Station / Materials Recovery Facilities requires that the "processing, equipment, materials and waste shall be strictly confined to the interior of the transfer station building". The applicant's proposed solid waste transfer station operation does not include a building and is contrary to the City's Ordinances.
2. The request is inconsistent to the State's Permitting Requirements for such uses. Specifically, under Notification of Permit by Rule 391-3-4-.06(3)(b), the GA EPD requires that "solid waste shall be confined to the interior of the transfer station, and not allowed to scatter to the outside". The applicant does not propose an enclosed building so by definition, the applicant is not following the State's permitting requirements for such uses. GA EPD also requires that "any contaminated runoff from washwater shall be discharged to a wastewater treatment system and before final release, shall be treated in a manner approved by the Division". The applicant has no plans to manage leachate to prevent any release into the groundwater.

Because the applicant's request is inconsistent with the City's Ordinances and with the State's Permitting Requirements, I am asking you to deny the applicant's request for a transfer station. I am not objecting to the applicant's hauling operation, just the solid waste transfer station. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Steve Edwards

Evergreen Landfill