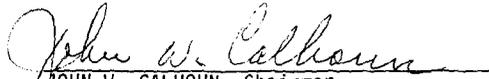
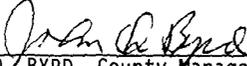


In the first paragraph on the first page, delete ", for a business engaged in the disposal, reduction or treatment of waste material"

Adopted at a regular meeting held on October 5, 1987.

ATTEST:


JOHN W. CALHOUN, Chairman
Scotland County Board of Commissioners


JOHN Q. BYRD, County Manager and
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board


EDWARD H. JOHNSTON, JR., County Attorney

ORDINANCE #18

AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE THE KEEPING OF RECORDS
BY PERSONS, FIRMS OR CORPORATIONS
ENGAGED IN THE PURCHASE OF PINE STRAW

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Scotland County and the Board so recognizes that the purchase and sale of pine straw by persons, firms and corporations has developed into a substantial industry in the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Scotland County has been advised and so finds that the pine straw produced in Scotland County is of exceptional quality and in much demand by nurseries, florists, residential owners, commercial operations and others and, because of this, commands a high price; and

WHEREAS, those engaged in farming activities in Scotland County have developed the sale of pine straw produced in the County as an additional income source which is much needed considering the depressed state of the agricultural economy in the last several years; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Board of County Commissioners by farmers and others engaged in the production of pine straw as well as representatives of the Sheriff's department that the theft of pine straw from property owners in Scotland County and the subsequent illegal sale of said straw to various buying entities in the County has reached alarming proportions; that the loss to the owners has amounted to thousands of dollars and continues to increase almost on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department has made a diligent investigation of these thefts, but is handicapped in arresting suspected violators because purchasers of pine straw are not required to keep records which would identify sellers; and

WHEREAS, the theft of pine straw as described above is inimical to the public interest, safety, order and convenience and the economic welfare of citizens of Scotland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in General Statute 153A-134 and General Statute 153A-121, the following ordinance is hereby adopted:

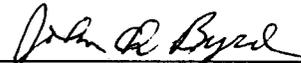
1. Every person, firm or corporation that is engaged in the purchase of pine straw in Scotland County shall keep a book in which shall be legibly written, at the time of each transaction, the following information:
 - (a) An account of each transaction, including the quantity of pine straw purchased, which shall include the number of bales purchased if in that form or, if not, by truckload quantity or any other conveyance used for transporting the pine straw to the place of business of the purchaser.
 - (b) The amount of money paid for the pine straw.
 - (c) The date of the transaction.
 - (d) The name and place of business or residence of the person, firm or corporation selling the pine straw to the purchaser.
 - (e) The purchaser or his employee or agent shall require the person, firm or corporation selling said straw to present two forms of positive identification, identifying the person or the representative of the firm or corporation as the case may be; provided, however, that the presentation of any one State or Federal Government issued identification containing a photographic representation imprinted thereon shall constitute compliance with the identification requirement of this paragraph. The purchaser or his employee or agent shall legibly record this identification information next to the person's name and residence in the book heretofore required to be kept.

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- (f) In addition, sellers of pine straw shall also be required to make available to the purchaser the license number and registration information of the vehicle used to transport said pine straw.
- (g) Such book shall be a permanent record to be kept at all times on the premises of the place of business of the purchaser and shall be made available, during regular business hours, to any law enforcement officer who requests to inspect the book.
- (h) Any purchaser who fails to keep and maintain records as required by this ordinance shall be guilty of committing a Misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be punished as provided by General Statute 14-4.

This Ordinance shall be effective as of the 5th day of January 1988.

ATTEST:



JOHN Q. BYRD, County Manager and
Ex Officio Clerk to the Board



JOHN W. CALHOUN, Chairman
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