



Overview of Tire Permitting Program

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Intent of Ordinance

- To establish regulations and procedures for the environmentally safe transportation, appropriate storage, accurate record-keeping, and proper disposal of new, used or scrap tire
- Tire shops can no longer use any transporter to discard their tires, must be registered with the State and City of Houston, tires must be disposed of appropriately
- TCEQ regulation requirements apply to businesses with over 500 tires annually
- COH ordinance applies to all businesses to be inspected and permitted

Definitions

- Tire Generator – a fleet operator, an automotive dismantler, or a retailer, wholesaler, manufacturer, recapper, or re-treader of new or used tires
- Tire Transporter – a person who is responsible for causing tires to move along a public street from one location to another within the city.



Chapter 39, Article 8

- Register each tire generator annually to allow inspection of their manifest records, storage and disposal practices
- Permit each tire transporter including the issuance of decals to be displayed on trucks hauling tires within the City limits
- Increase audit frequency and depth of manifest records kept by both generators and transporters
- Cut down on illegal dumping of tires

(Ord. No. 2015-1032, § 3(Exh. A), 10-21-2015, eff. 1-1-2016)

Sec. 39-173. - Tire generators; disposal of tires; records.



It shall be unlawful for any tire generator to cause or allow any tire to be transported upon any public street other than by a permittee. Each tire generator shall maintain daily records of the numbers of tires generated at each premises under his control and his disposition. A receipt showing the number of tires, the names of the tire generator and permittee and the permit number of the permittee shall be obtained by a permittee for each consignment of tires. Each receipt shall be issued at least in duplicate and signed by both parties with one copy thereof to be retained by the tire generator and one copy to be retained by the permittee. Tire generators who are also permittees shall maintain internal trip tickets in lieu of receipts for tires that they transport. For purposes of this article, TCEQ form 10304, entitled "Whole Used or Scrap Tire Manifest," or any successor form, is a sufficient receipt.

(Ord. No. 2015-1032, § 3(Exh. A), 10-21-2015, eff. 1-1-2016)

Sec. 39-174. - Registrants and permittees; disposal of tires; records.



It shall be unlawful for any registrant or permittee to dispose of any tire transported by the registrant or permittee other than by the delivery of the tire to a tire disposer. Each registrant and permittee shall maintain daily records of the number of tires received and delivered. Each registrant and permittee shall obtain a receipt showing the number of tires, the names of the registrant, permittee and tire disposer and the registration or permit number of the registrant and permittee for all tires delivered. Each receipt shall be issued at least in duplicate and signed by both parties with one copy to be retained by the tire disposer and one copy to be retained by the registrant and permittee. Tire disposers who are also registrants or permittees shall maintain internal trip tickets in lieu of the receipts for tires that they transport. Permittees shall maintain records of the name and residence address of each driver (including the permittee if the permittee intends to act as a driver under the permit) who will be authorized to drive the permittee's trucks, and their respective driver's license numbers.

(Ord. No. 2015-1032, § 3(Exh. A), 10-21-2015, eff. 1-1-2016)

Sec. 39-175. - Inspection of records.



The records required by this article shall be retained for three years from their creation. Registrants and permittees shall maintain the records at the address designated in their applications. All records shall be made available during regular business hours for inspection, audit, or copying by the director, police department, and the city attorney or the city attorney's designee as often as may be necessary to ensure compliance with this article.

Tire Inspector Duties

- Conduct inspections on tire related businesses for proper storage, and proper disposal documents and good environmental practices
- Issue citations, legal warnings, communicate and educate
- Attend court when subpoenaed
- Process applications and payments for each business, mail out and issue permits and decals
- Respond to any inquires for business

Registration and Permit Fees

- Registration required for tire generator
 - For record keeping/documentation purposes
 - Annual \$33.56 admin fee; plus registration fee of \$80.40
 - Total of \$113.96
- Permit required for tire transport
 - Name, address, contact information, business occupation, appropriate decals on vehicles
 - Annual \$33.56 admin fee; plus permit fee \$208.78
 - \$52.52 per vehicle
 - Total \$294.86 (for one vehicle)

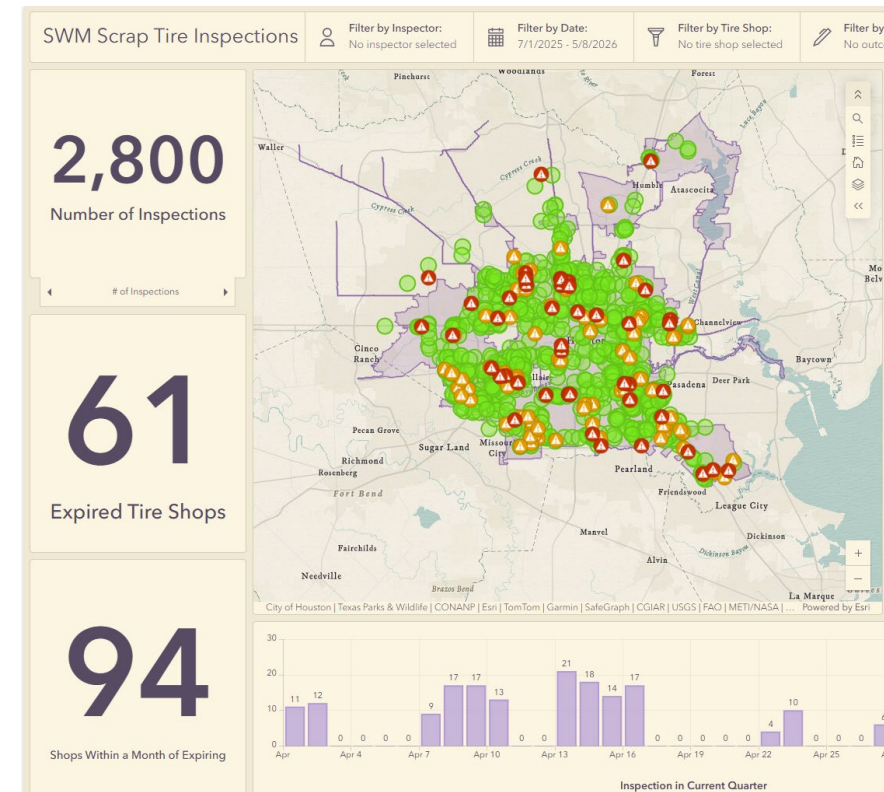
Annual registration and permits are a requirement.



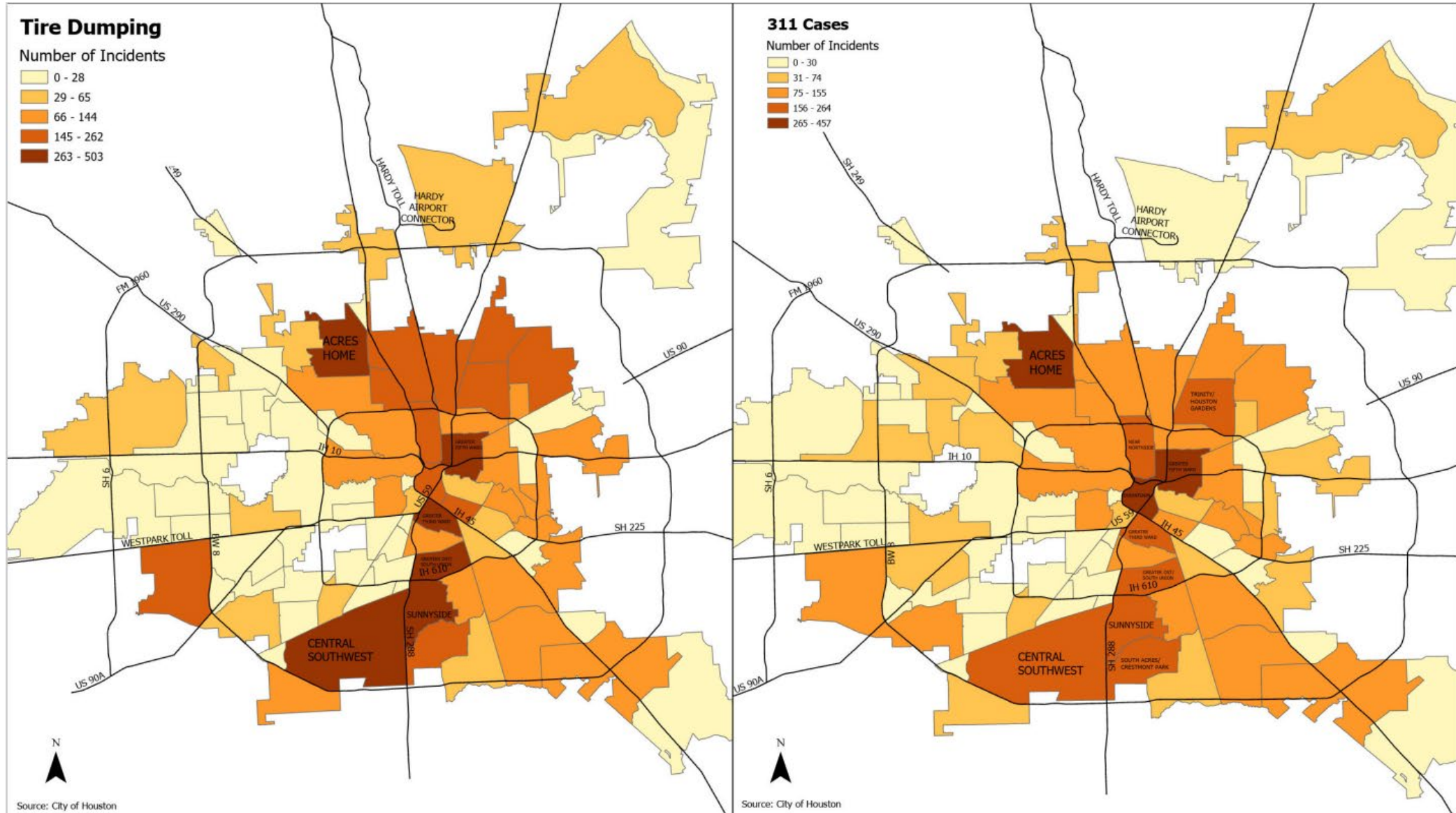
Permitting Metrics

Year to Date Performance

- Total Permits Issued: 1889
- Active Permits: 1113
- Expired Permits: 776
 - (Out of business, to be renewed, to be removed)
- Activities
 - Inspections 2,800
 - Approximately 2/3 locations re-inspected for compliance
 - (FY25 3,297)
 - 5 Citations Issued
 - 612 Closed, unpermitted, non-compliant businesses
 - Ordinance violations found: 601



Illegal Dumping and Tires



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FY 25 Illegal Dumping Inspections

- Total Inspections: 9,561
 - 80% response to 311 SRs
 - 20% proactive inspections

FY25 Breakdown

- 2,647 Illegal Dumping SRs with tires
 - Estimated 29,778 tires

January – April 2026

- 1,570 Illegal Dumping SRs with tires
 - Estimated 14,722 tires



Where can residents take tires?

- 6 Neighborhood Depositories
 - North - 9003 N Main 77022
 - Northwest - 14400 Sommermeyer 77041
 - Northeast - 5565 Kirkpatrick 77028
 - Southeast - 2240 Central Street 77017
 - South - 5100 Sunbeam 77033
 - Southwest - 10785 SW Freeway 77074
- 2 Environmental Service Centers (ESC)
 - ESC - NORTH, 5614 Neches St
 - ESC - SOUTH, 11500 S. Post Oak Rd
- Consumer Recycling Centers
 - Westpark - 5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057
 - Ellington Airport - 246 Loop Rd, Houston, TX 77034
 - Kingwood – 3210 W. Lake Houston Pkwy, Houston, TX 77339

Where does SWM take them?

- Currently under contract with Liberty Tire Recycling:
 - Cost: \$150 per ton
 - Service Coverage: Bi-weekly pickup from containers located at City facilities (contractor provides roll off containers)
 - Shared contract with SWM, HPW, FMD, and HAS

Where do Tire Transporters go?

TCEQ State of Texas

- Scrap Tire Facility – Processing: 159
- Scrap Tire Facility – Recycling: 8
- Scrap Tire Facility – Energy Recovery: 8
- Scrap Tire Storage Site: 8
- Land Reclamation Project Using Tires: 17

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CUSTOMER SERVICE LINE



For Solid Waste Management 311 Service Request status call: **832-394-1453**.
Agents available Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

RESIDENTIAL CONTAINER PICKUP PROGRAM



Need a new or replacement garbage container? The Residential Container Pickup Program lets you quickly obtain your container, review eligibility requirements, and find convenient pickup locations. [LEARN MORE](#)

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FIND YOUR SCHEDULE

Find your schedule, set notifications and learn how to properly dispose of waste.

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Need help?

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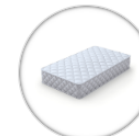
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