WHEREAS, it is essential to promote community participation in order to prevent the adverse effects and to enhance the benefits resulting from solid wastes;

WHEREAS, solid waste management action plans designed by, and implemented at, the lowest administrative units of urban administrations can ensure community participation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 55(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, it is hereby proclaimed as follows:

PART ONE
GENERAL

1. Short Title

This Proclamation maybe cited as “Solid Waste Management Proclamation No.513/2007.”

2. Definition

In this Proclamation:

1/ “Environmental Protection Agency” means the Authority or the environmental protection organ of a Regional State;
### General Obligations of Urban Administrations

1. Urban administrations shall create enabling conditions to promote investment on the provision of solid waste management services.

2. Any person shall obtain a permit from the concerned body of an urban administration prior to his engagement in the collection, transportation, use or disposal of solid waste.

### PART TWO

#### SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

### 3. Objective of the Proclamation

The objective of this Proclamation is to enhance at all levels capacities to prevent the possible adverse impacts while creating economically and socially beneficial assets out of solid waste.
5. Solid Waste Management Planning

1/ Urban Administrations shall ensure the participation of the lowest administrative levels and their respective local communities in designing and implementing their respective solid waste management plans.

2/ Each Region or urban administration shall set its own schedule and, based on that, prepare its solid waste management plan and report of implementation.

3/ The plan and report referred to under Sub-Article (2) of this Article shall be consolidated based on the solid waste management plans and implementation reports of the lowest administrative units.

4/ Urban administrations may transfer the following responsibilities to their lowest administrative units:-
   a) the formulation and implementation of action plans on solid waste management;
   b) ensuring the installation of marked waste bins by streets and in other public places;
   c) ensuring the collection of solid wastes from waste bins with sufficient frequency to prevent overflow;
   d) planning and carrying out public awareness raising activities;
   e) ensuring that measures are taken to prevent pollution arising from the mishandling of solid wastes.

6/ Inter-Regional Movement of Solid Wastes

1/ Each Regional State shall keep the shipment of solid waste to other regions for final disposal at the minimum possible.

2/ Regional States may require any transit of solid waste through their region to be packaged and transported in conformity with the directives and standards issued by the concerned environmental agency.
3/ Solid waste may be transported from one Regional State or urban administration to another Regional State or urban administration only if the recipient Regional State or urban administration has notified the sender in writing of its capacity to recycle or dispose of it in an environmentally sound manner.

PART THREE

7. Glass Containers and Tin Cans

1/ The manufacturer or importer of glass containers or tin cans shall develop and implement a system that enables it, on its own or through other persons, to collect and recycle used glass containers or tin cans.

2/ For the implementation of Sub-Article (1) of this Article urban administrations shall ensure that pre-collection sites are designated to collect used glass containers and tin cans, and emptied periodically.

8. Plastic Bags

1/ As of the date fixed under a directive to be issued by the Authority, it shall be unlawful to put on the market any plastic bag that is not labeled to how whether it is biodegradable or not.

2/ It is prohibited to grant permit for the manufacture or importation of any non-biodegradable plastic bags with a wall thickness of 0.03 millimeters and less than 0.03 millimeters.

3/ Without prejudice to Sub-Article (2) of this Article, the Authority shall, through the issuance of a directive, determine the conditions under which plastic bags with wall thickness of 0.03 millimeters and less than 0.03 millimeters may be imported or manufactured locally for specified purposes.

9. Used Tires

1/ The importation of used tires into Ethiopian territory for the purpose of disposal is prohibited.
11. Management of Household Solid Wastes

1/ The head of each household shall ensure that recyclable solid wastes are segregated from those that are destined for final disposal and are taken to the collection site designated for such wastes.

2/ Urban administrations shall, in the residential areas designated pursuant to Sub-Article (4) of this Article, ensure that adequate household solid waste management plans are available.

3/ It is prohibited to dispose of litter on streets, waterways, parks, bus stops, train stations, sport fields, water bodies in urban areas or in other public places while litter bins are available.

4/ Each urban administration shall delineate residential areas wherein the provisions of this Article shall have compulsory application.

12. Construction Debris and Demolition Wastes

1/ Urban administrations may themselves undertake or enter into agreements with construction enterprises to refill solid waste disposal sites or quarry pits with pebbles or gravel from demolished buildings or with excavated earth.
13. Transportation of solid waste

1/ Without prejudice to the mandate of the appropriate agency to register, undertake annual registration and technical inspection of motor vehicles as well as to issue a driving license, the conformity of any vehicle or equipment with the specification set by the concerned environmental agency shall be ascertained by the relevant urban administration prior to its use for solid waste management.

2/ Each urban administration shall, without prejudice to the weight and size of vehicles determined under the relevant law, set standards to determine the skills of drivers and equipment operators and to prevent overloads of solid wastes.

14. Construction of Solid Waste Disposal Sites

1/ Each urban administration shall, in conformity with the relevant federal environmental standard, ensure that solid waste disposal sites are constructed and properly used.

2/ Urban administrations shall ensure that a solid waste disposal site that was under construction or was constructed prior to the coming into force of this Proclamation is subjected to environmental auditing as per the relevant law.

3/ Urban administrations shall ensure that any new solid waste disposal site being constructed or an existing solid waste disposal site undergoing any modification has had an environmental impact assessment according to the relevant law.
15. Auditing Existing Solid Waste Disposal Sites

1/ Each urban administration is responsible for ensuring that an environmental audit is carried out on every existing solid waste disposal site.

2/ The owner of any solid waste disposal site shall make the necessary modifications if the environmental audit made under Sub-Article (1) of this Article shows that its continued operation poses a risk to public health or the environment.

3/ The Authority may prescribe environmental criteria to determine the alternative use of a solid waste disposal site that has ceased operation or is abandoned.

PART FIVE
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

16. Civil Liability

1/ The owner of any solid waste disposal site shall, regardless of fault, be liable for any damage caused to the environment, human health or property in the course of its operation and after its closure.

2/ Without prejudice to Sub-Article (1) of this Article, exemption from liability (1) of this Article, exemption from liability (1) of this Article, exemption from liability (1) of this Article, exemption from liability shall be granted only when verified that it is the victim himself or a third party for whom the owner of the solid waste disposal sit is not responsible that has caused the damage.

3/ Any claim for damage under Sub-Article (1) of this Article shall be barred by a period of limitation unless brought within two years from the date on which the occurrence of the damage was known.

17. Penalty

1/ Without obtaining authorization, a person who implements a solid waste management project that requires special permit before its implementation as determined in a directive issued by the relevant environmental agency commits an offence and shall be liable according to the relevant provision of the Criminal Code.
### 18. Power to Issue Regulations and Directives

1. The Council of Ministers may issue regulations necessary for the proper implementation of this Proclamation.

2. The Authority may issue directives for the proper implementation of this Proclamation and regulations issued under Sub-Article (1) of this Article.

### 19. Effective Date

This Proclamation shall come into force on Publication in the Federal Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 12th day of February, 2007

Girma Woldegiorgis  
President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia