

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to § 22-27-48.1, Code of Alabama (1975), public notice is hereby provided that the Dothan City Commission has received an application for local approval of new medical waste treatment facility. The Commission will consider the siting of a new medical waste treatment facility in Dothan, Alabama, which facility and location are further described below.

To review a copy of both the local solid waste management plan and the application, please visit, during normal business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the location referenced below:

City of Dothan Public Works Office
126 N Saint Andrews Street
Room 303
Dothan, AL 36303

All interested citizens are invited to make public comments and to attend a public hearing on **Friday, December 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Dothan Civic Center located at 126 N. Saint Andrews Street, Meeting Room C, Dothan AL 36303, at which time the following permitting application will be addressed:

Permit Application for Daniels Sharpsmart, Inc. (Daniels) Autoclave. Daniels is located at 210 Speigner Street in an area zoned Heavy Industry (H-I). The facility currently operates an exempt incinerator for pathological, low-level radiation, and trace chemotherapeutic waste. Daniels has recently merged with Medsharp Disposal, with the intention of installing an autoclave for the steam sterilization of medical waste. The facility would accept regulated medical waste from healthcare facilities located in the State of Alabama and anticipates an annual volume of 228 tons to be processed by the facility. All operations would be in accordance with ADEM Admin Code r. 335-17.

The local governing body shall make a discretionary decision to approve or disapprove the siting of the new facility. In determining whether to approve the siting of the new solid waste management facility, the local governing body shall consider the following criteria, outlined by § 22-27-48(c), Code of Alabama (1975):

- (1) The consistency of the proposal with solid waste management needs as identified in the solid waste management plan.
- (2) The relationship of the proposal to local planned or existing development or the absence thereof, to major transportation arteries and to existing state primary and secondary roads.
- (3) The location of a proposed facility in relationship to existing industries in the state that generate large volumes of solid waste, or the relationship to the areas projected for development of industries that will generate solid waste.

- (4) Costs and availability of public services, facilities and improvements required to support a proposed facility and protect public health, safety, and the environment.
- (5) The impact of a proposed facility on public safety and provisions made to minimize the impact on public health and safety.
- (6) The social and economic impacts on the affected community, including changes in property values, and social or community perception.

The application and approval process as provided in § 22-27-48.1, Code of Alabama (1975), is as follows:

November 7, 2023 – Dothan City Commission formally received application, approved Public Comment Period, Public Hearing and Public Awareness Meeting dates and advertisements. Within 10 days, notice shall be provided to adjacent property owners via certified mail and to general public via, newspaper, public service announcements, and on the Dothan City Commissions’ website, www.dothan.org.

December 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - Public Awareness Session at the Dothan Civic Center located at 126 N. Saint Andrews Street, Meeting Room C, Dothan AL 36303, during which the applicant shall provide general information on the proposal and address questions and concerns of the affected community. Members of the public may submit written questions or comments germane to the proposal.

December 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - Public Hearing at the Dothan Civic Center located at 126 N. Saint Andrews Street, Meeting Room C, Dothan AL 36303. The public may submit written comments at any time up to the conclusion of the hearing. The local governing body shall have thirty (30) days following the Public Hearing to make its decision to approve or disapprove the proposal.

If the application is approved, applicant shall petition the Circuit Court of Houston County, Alabama for a determination pursuant to § 22-27-48.1(i), Code of Alabama (1975), of whether the proper requirements and time frames were complied with, whether such approval is consistent with the solid waste management plan, and whether the proper criteria was considered.

All interested persons seeking to obtain additional information, to review a copy of the local solid waste management plan and the application are asked to please contact:

Mr. James L. “Larry” Lofton, P.E.
Civil Engineer
Telephone: (334) 615-4433
Email: jllofton@dothan.org

Interested persons can obtain or can review copies of both the local solid waste management plan and the application, and the time frame for public hearings and involvement at the following address:

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Dothan, AL 36303

The public may submit written comments to the governing body via email or regular mail to the following:

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