

Regulating Informal Waste Activities in Cape Town

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sectors of the waste industry

Outline

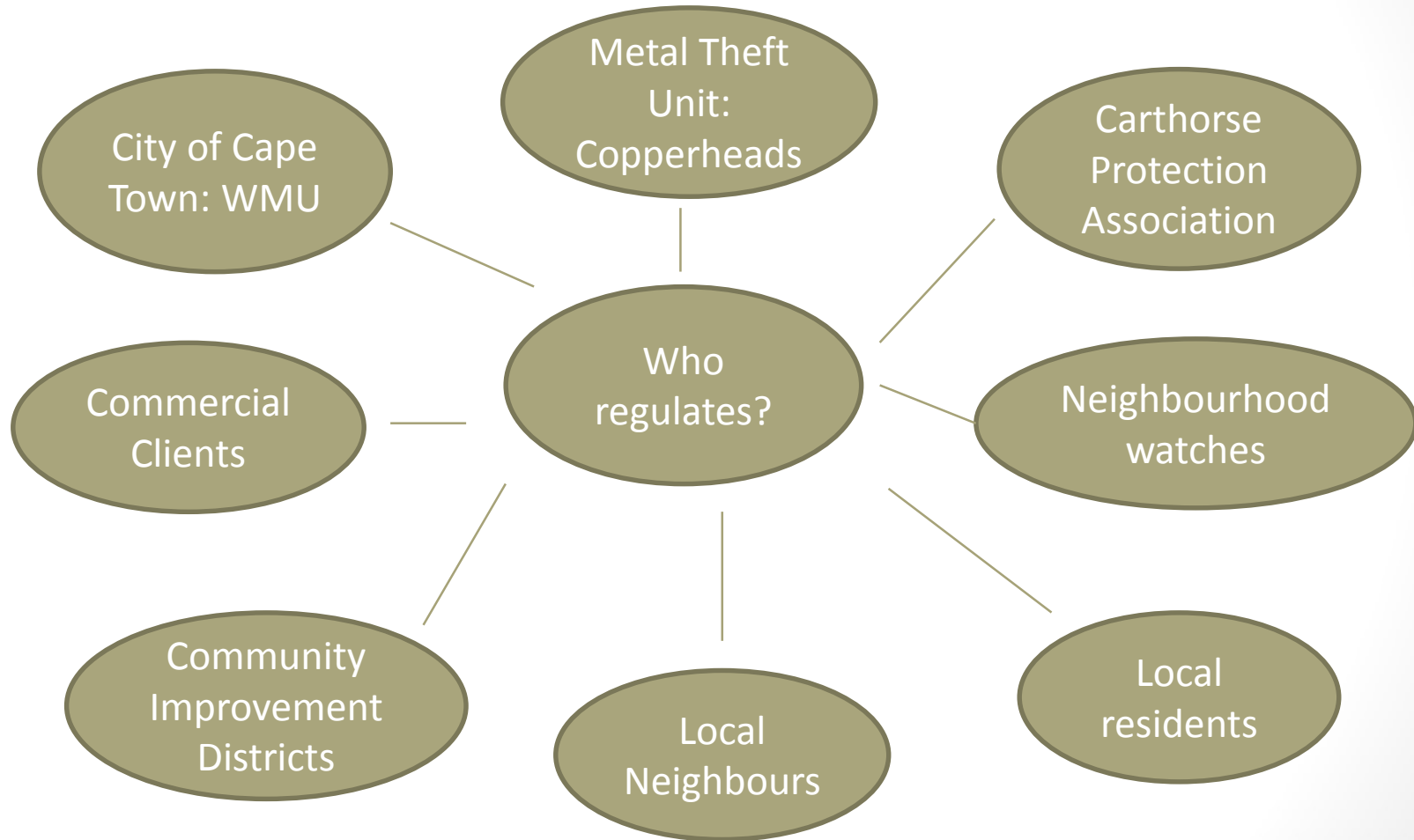
- Categories of waste collection
- Who regulates?
- What is regulated?
- How is it regulated?
- Case study: Regulating Carthorse Operators in Cape Town

Characteristics	Skarelaars	Carties	Bakkie operators
General	Homeless, pensioners,	Males living on the Cape Flats	Entrepreneurs
Mode of transport	Trolley	Carthorse	Bakkie
Type of waste collected	Paper, plastic, non-ferrous metals etc.	Specialised: non-ferrous metals	Paper, plastic, glass, non-ferrous metals etc.
Source of waste	Households wheelie bins	Households, industrial areas	Informal buy-back centres, commercial premises
Work space	On the streets	On the streets	Commercial premises
Type of recycling activity?	<i>Commodity-based:</i> trading of materials for cash <i>Value-based :</i> small-scale and labour intensive activity of manufacturing sellable goods out of recyclable materials	<i>Commodity-based:</i> trading of materials for cash <i>Service-based:</i> deliver a collection service	<i>Commodity-based:</i> trading of materials for cash <i>Service-based:</i> deliver a collection service





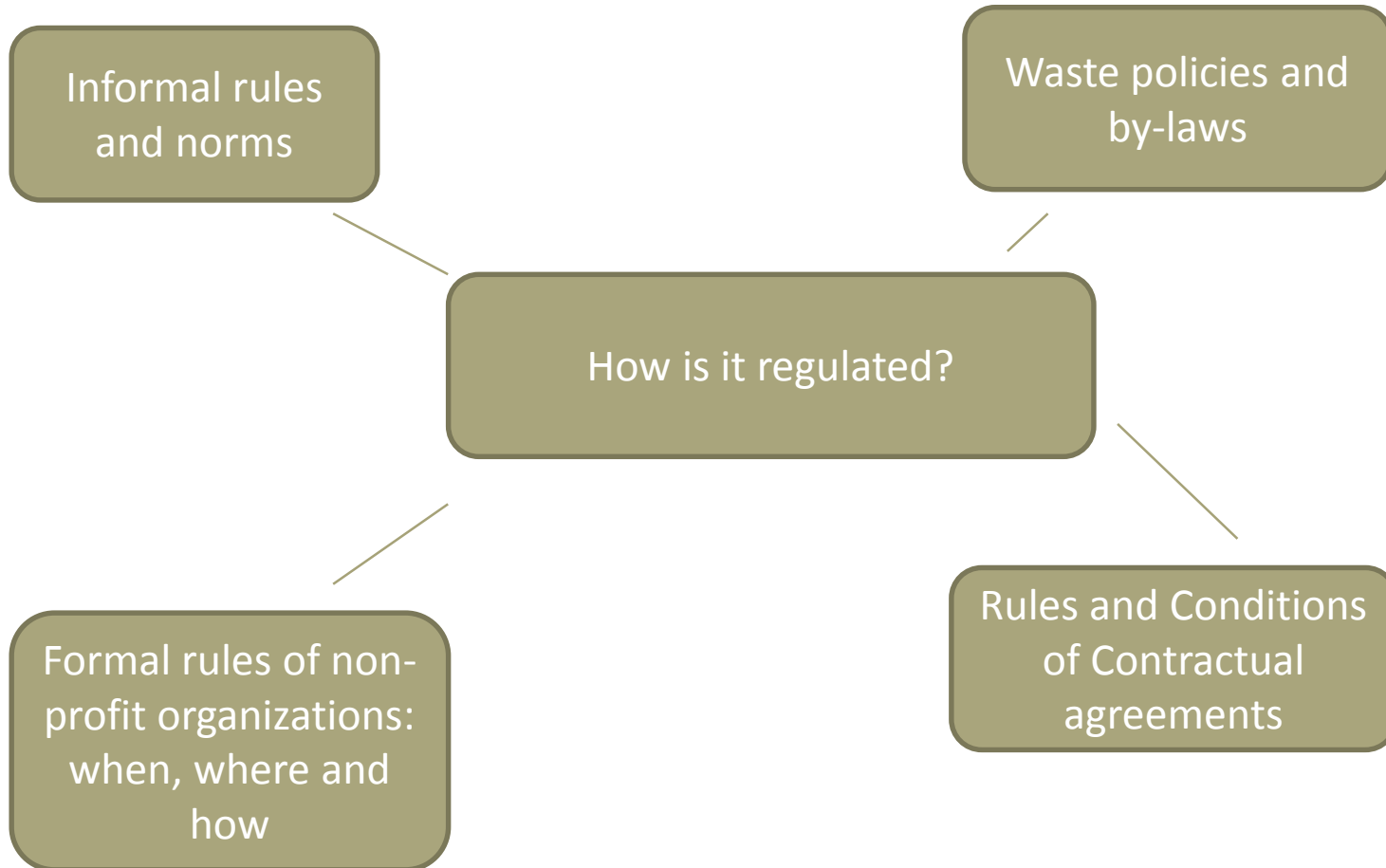
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What is regulated?



How is it regulated?



Case Study: Regulating Carthorse Operators



(Photo: Carthorse Protection Association)



Background

- Carting Industry has its roots in District Six and was used to 'smous' (hawk) fish, fruit, vegetables, bottles and bones (Carthorse Protection Association)
- Informal scrap metal collection, 'smous' (hawking) fruit and vegetables, garden waste removal

Who are 'Carties'?

- Male
- Ages: 16 – older
- Owns a horse, donkey/ hired horse or donkey for a day – R150 p/day
- Bonteheuwel, Uitsig, Netreg, Mitchells Plain, Kalksteen fontein etc (Cape Flats) (not in city centre)
- Work in Pinelands, Athlone, Mowbray, Rondebosch, Maitland etc. (closer to the city centre)
- Driver (E53 permit)
- Works scrap, hawk with fruit and vegetables, 'garden jobs'
- Works 3-7 days a week



How do they carry out their work?



- Travel to different areas
- Door to door collection - calling out for scrap
- Garden Jobs
- Mobile scrap buy-in
- Bulk at home
- Go to scrap yards (big or small ones)

Who is regulating informal scrap collection?

Cart horse
Protection
Association

City of Cape
Town: Animal
Control Unit

Community
Improvement
Districts (CID)



Copperheads

Members of
the public

South African
Police Services
(SAPS)

Neighbourhood
watches

What is regulated?

- Informal scrap metal collection is regulated in two key spaces
 - a) 'On the cart': what they do on the cart, how the horse is treated, how the cartie interacts with the public
 - a) 'Op die Pad': 'On the streets': When, where and how carties are able to work in the city.

How is it regulated?: 'On the Cart'

- 2010: Registered cart horse:
'Number plate is the permit'
- Gone through the E53 process
 - Driver
 - Operator
- Carthorse Commandments (tien gebooie)
- 'ZERO TOLERANCE Policy'-
directed at owners to choose
the right drivers



The Ten Commandments

Cart Horse Protection Association Commandments

- 1) Will not **work their horse too fast.**
- 2) Will not **work their horse too hard.**
- 3) Will not **overload.**
- 4) Will not **beat or whip their horse.**
- 5) Will not be on the road **before sunrise and after sunset.**
- 6) Will not **work too far.**
- 7) Will not work **without an ID plate or temporary permit.**
- 8) Will not work **without an Operators Permit.**
- 9) Will not be **rude to members of the public.**
- 10) Will not **use their “lot” to steal or dump.**



‘Op die Pad’: ‘On the Street’

Police

- Regulating the collection of scrap
- Regulating entry in certain areas

‘Nee hulle sien jou elke dag in die straat...hulle trek jou elke dag af en dan kyk hulle op die wa...verstaan mevrou...hulle skud sommer vir jou ook uit kyk of jy nie iets op jou het nie...’ (SC2)

Neighbourhood Watches and Community Improvement Districts

- Regulating entry
- Littering and dumping

‘...Jy haal net die scrap van die wa af...of jy sit die kos van die perd neer dan is dit sommer n fine...’ (SC3)

Public: ‘Eyes and Ears’

- Report when you witness any abuse of horses
- Reporting dumping, illegal activities and road traffic violations.

‘The Bright yellow number plate at the back of the cart has an ID number for the horse...Please quote this number!’ (CHPC Letter)

Thank You: Questions/Comments

