

Chapter 15

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Section 15-25A ARTICLE II. DEBRIS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION

Section 15-26 General prohibition.

Any and all lots and land within the city, except in zones R-1A, R-1, R-2 which have special provisions set out in section 15-27, shall be kept clean from debris, weeds, undergrowth, brush, vegetation or other matter which, by reason of height, proximity to neighboring structures, physical condition, filth or habitat for reptiles, animals and insects, shall be unsanitary, unhealthy or hazardous. The existence of any debris, filth, vegetation or other matter or condition as set forth above which shall create an unsanitary, unhealthy or hazardous condition, is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

(Code 1958, § 12-1)

Section 15-27 Cleanliness of residential lots.

Any lots or land which are located within the residential areas of the city, according to its zoning plan and map, zones R-1A, R-1, R-2, shall be kept clean from any debris, weeds, undergrowth, brush, vegetation or other matter which, by reason of height, physical condition, filth or habitat for reptiles, animals and insects, shall be unsanitary, unhealthy or hazardous for a distance of one hundred fifty (150) feet from any occupied residence. The maximum number of times the owner will be required to clear the underbrush from these lots is four times a year. This section shall not apply to areas that have not been previously cleared and developed and are covered with a natural growth of trees and/or underbrush which are not otherwise unsanitary or hazardous with the exception of lots that are within a city block which is more than ninety (90) percent developed. The underbrush shall be cleared sufficiently to allow a tractor mower (rotary bush type) to be used for the mowing.

(Code 1958, § 12-1.1; Ord. of 10-8-90, § I)

(2002 (15-27), Amended, 09/09/2002)

Section 15-28 Nuisance--Determination of existence.

It shall be the duty of the city manager to ascertain whether any lot or land within the city limits is not kept clean and free from debris, vegetation, filth, or is in such condition as constitutes a nuisance as defined in sections 15-26 and 15-27.

(Code 1958, § 12-1.2)

Section 15-29 Same--Notice to owner to abate.

If the city manager shall ascertain that any lot or land is a nuisance, as defined in sections 15-26 and 15-27, he shall notify the owner of record of such lot or land, at the last available address of such owner, directing the owner to clear such lot or land and abate such nuisance within a prescribed time which shall be set forth in the notice given.

(Code 1958, § 12-1.3)

Section 15-30 Same--Abatement by city.

If the nuisance complained of in a notice given pursuant to section 15-29 is not eliminated or abated within the prescribed time given in the notice, then and in that event the city shall cause such nuisance to be abated and levy the cost thereof as an assessment against the property in question. The clerk of the city shall thereafter send a copy of such assessment to the record owner of the lot or land affected thereby. Whenever any nuisance is abated under this section by the city, the cost thereof to the city, as to each parcel of land, shall be calculated and reported by the city manager to the city council. Thereupon, the city council shall cause such costs to be assessed against the property. When such assessment has been spread upon the tax roll of the city, the clerk of the city shall send a notice of such assessment to the record owner of the lot or land and otherwise proceed to collect the assessment as provided by law.

(Code 1958, § 12-1.4)

Section 15-31 15-31--15-55. Reserved.