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CHAPTER 24

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Section 24.1 Cutting and removal of grass and other vegetation notice

The failure or refusal to cut, remove and clear all grass, weeds and brush as defined hereinafter, and the accumulation of trash, rubbish and garbage within the town is declared to be a public nuisance which threatens the spread of disease which is within the scope of the regulatory authority of the town.

(a) The owner, tenant, occupant, and each of them, of any developed or undeveloped lot or parcel of land situated within the corporate limits of the town shall be and are required to cut, remove and clear all grass, weeds and brush in excess of eighteen (18) inches in height from the said lot or parcel of land within ten (10) days after written notice by the town by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, at the address provided by the tax rolls for the town or notice by advertisement in the official journal of the town for two (2) consecutive days.

(b) The owner, tenant, occupant and/or the agent or anyone or more of them of any developed or undeveloped lot or parcel of land situated within the corporate limits of the town shall be and is hereby required to remove and dispose of all trash, rubbish and garbage which is growing, lying or located in or upon any such lot or parcel of land within ten (10) days after written notice by the town by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the address provided by the tax rolls for the town, or notice by advertisement in the official journal of the town for two (2) consecutive days.

(Amended May 13, 2003 - Effective July 1, 2003 – Ordinance 3 of 2003)

Section 24.2. Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this Chapter, developed lot or parcel of land shall mean a lot or parcel of land upon which a house, a residence, a mobile home, a house trailer or other structure used as a dwelling or for business or other structure used as a dwelling or for business or other commercial purposes, has been erected, constructed, located or placed; or a lot or parcel of land which is the subject of a building permit issued by the town.

(b) For purposes of this Chapter, an undeveloped lot or parcel of land shall mean a lot or parcel of land other than a developed lot or parcel of land.

(c) For purposes of this Chapter, the term “trash, rubbish and garbage” shall mean any excrement, offal, filth, manure, foul and offensive matter, stagnant, corrupt or putrid water, dead animals or fowl, shells, hay, straw, kitchen stuff, paper, cloth or any matter or substance of any kind which may be offensive to the smell or injurious to the health.

(Amended May 1, 2003 - Effective July 1, 2003 - Ordinance 3 of 2003)

Section 24.3. Action by town; imposition of charges.

(a) After due notice is made as provided in Section 24.1 above, if the owner, tenant, occupant and/or the agent of any one or more of them of said property fails to cut, remove and clear such grass, weeds and brush or remove and properly dispose of any trash, rubbish and garbage within the ten-day period provided, the mayor or his representative is hereby authorized to cut, remove and clear such grass, weeds and brush and/or to remove and dispose of any trash, rubbish and garbage from said lot or parcel of land in the sidewalk right-of-way adjacent thereto.

(b) The charges, cost, and expenses incurred by the town in enforcing this article, shall, to the extent of the actual cost thereof to the town be a charge, cost or expense of the property, parcel of land and the owner thereof. Such charge will be based upon the expense that the town actually pays for a contractor to cut and clean a lot plus Fifty & NO/100 (\$50.00) Dollars for the town administrative fee (filing fees, photos, gas and processing). A charge of Two & NO/100 (\$2.00) Dollars per front foot of property will be paid to contractors for cutting of weeds/grass. Additional charges requested by the contractor and approved by the town may be made if a lot must first be cleared of debris and trash. Such additional charges must be approved by the town as a reasonable cost before the contractor does additional work and is reimbursed for it. If such lot(s) must be cut by the town, more than once, charges billed to the homeowner shall be Three & NO/100 (\$3.00) Dollars per front foot, thereafter.

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Section 24.4. Mailing statement showing expense incurred; addition to tax liability; notice.

REPEAL

(a) After the cutting, destruction or removal of such weeds, grass, brush, trash, rubbish and garbage, by the town after due notice is provided above, the cost or expense thereof has not been paid within ten (10) days, the tax collector of the town shall furnish the owner, as shown on the last assessment roll of the town by registered or certified mail a written statement showing the cost of expense incurred for the work, and place or property on which the work was done. If the said statement is not paid within one month thereafter, the amount thereof shall be added to the next ad valorem tax bill of the owner of the property. The amount added shall be subject to the same interest and penalties as delinquent ad valorem taxes. When collected the amount due shall be credited to the general fund of the town.

(b) The town clerk shall maintain a record of such charges prior to the filing of the tax rolls, which records shall be open to inspection at all times and which shall constitute legal notice to the purchasers of the property or parties lending money thereon, of the assessment. In addition, the clerk shall file an affidavit of such charges in the mortgage records of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, which charge shall be a lien and privilege on the property to which the charges apply.

(c) In addition to any provisions for collection contained in Sections 24.3 and 24.4, the town may utilize collection procedures permitted under Louisiana law, including but not limited to La. R.S. 33:4754.

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SECTION 24.5 DELETED 5/13/03

SECTION 24.6 DELETED 5/13/03