



CITY OF ROXBORO

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Your Guide to Conditions Deemed a Public a Nuisance

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Section 93.01. Conditions Deemed Public Nuisance

The existence of any of the following conditions on any vacant lot or other parcel of land within the corporate limits is hereby declared to be dangerous and prejudicial to the public health or safety and to constitute a public nuisance:

- (A) The uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds, grass, vines, briars or undergrowth to a height in excess of twelve (12) inches causing or threatening to cause a hazard detrimental to the public health or safety.
- (B) Any accumulation of animal or vegetable matter that is offensive by virtue of odors or vapors or by the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin or any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health.
- (C) Any accumulation of rubbish, trash, or junk causing or threatening to cause a fire hazard, or causing or threatening to cause the accumulation of stagnant water, or causing or threatening to cause the inhabitation therein of rats, mice, snakes, or vermin of any kind which is or may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health.
- (D) Any condition detrimental to the public health, which violates the rules and regulations of the county health department.
- (E) Any dead trees of sufficient size and proximity to a public street or sidewalk that has been allowed to remain such that the trees, or limbs therefrom, upon failing, could interfere with the free and safe passage along the street or sidewalk by pedestrians or vehicular traffic

Section 93.02. Investigation

The city manager, upon notice from any person of the existence of any condition constituting a public nuisance, shall cause to be made by the appropriate county health department official, or city official, such investigation as may be necessary to determine whether, in fact, such conditions exist as to constitute a public nuisance.

Section 93.03. Notice to Abate

Upon determination that conditions constituting a public nuisance exist, the city manager shall notify in writing, the owner, occupant or person in possession of the premises in question of the conditions constituting such public nuisance and shall order the prompt abatement thereof within fifteen (15) days from the receipt of such written notice.

Section 93.04. Abatement by City

If any person, having been ordered to abate a public nuisance, fails, neglects, or refuses to abate or remove the condition constituting the nuisance within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the order, the City Manager shall cause such condition to be removed or otherwise remedied by having employees of the city to go upon the premises and remove or otherwise abate such nuisance under the supervision of an officer or employee designated by the manager.

Any person who has been ordered to abate a public nuisance may, within the time allowed by the article, request the city in writing to remove such condition, the cost of which shall be paid by the person making such request.

Section 93.05. Cost; Statement; Payment Date

The actual cost incurred by the City in removing or otherwise remedying a public nuisance shall be

charged to the owner of such lot or parcel of land. The tax collector shall mail a statement of such charges to the owner or other person in possession of such premises with instructions that such charges are due and payable within (30) thirty days from the receipt thereof.

Section 93.06. Lien for Unpaid Charges

If charges for the removal or abatement of a public nuisance are not paid within (30) thirty days after the receipt of a statement of charges as provided for in section 12-6 such charges shall become a lien upon the land or premises where the public nuisance existed and shall be collected as unpaid taxes.

Section 93.07 Other Proceedings and Remedies

The procedures set forth in this article shall be in addition to any other remedies that may now or hereafter exist under law for the abatement of public nuisances and this article shall not prevent the City from:

- (A) Proceeding in a criminal action against any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this article as provided in G. S. Section 14-4.
- (B) Proceeding in civil action in the nature of debt if the offender does not pay a penalty of \$100 within a prescribed period of time after he has been cited for violation of this subchapter as provided in G.S. 160A-175.

Additional Comments:

Code Enforcement will issue a \$100.00 citation if the public nuisance is not abated within 15 days from the receipt of the order; and the City, at the expense of the property owner will abate the public nuisance.