

CHAPTER 15

JUNK

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Section 15.1 Definitions

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them:

(1) "Inspector" means a duly authorized agent of the town.

(2) "Junk" includes discarded or abandoned major appliances, lumber, machinery, metal, tin, tires, rims, boats, motors, auto parts, barrels, yard waste, or other discarded or abandoned items.

(Ordinance 142 adopted 12/9/02)

Section 15.2 Keeping prohibited; declared nuisance

It is unlawful for any person to keep, deposit, store, or abandon junk on any vacant lot or on any unused portion of any occupied lot, neutral ground, street, or sidewalk within the town. The presence of such items is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(Ordinance 142 adopted 12/9/02)

Section 15.3 Notice to remove

In order to more effectively carry out the intent of Section 15.2, the clerk, upon instructions by the mayor, shall provide written notice to remove the nuisance to the property owner, as determined from the latest assessment rolls, failing to comply with the requirement of this Chapter, requiring the property owner to comply with this Chapter within ten (10) days of receipt thereof. The notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested or served by a law enforcement officer.

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Section 22.4 Judicial review

Any person receiving notice that he is in violation of the requirements of this Chapter may, request within the ten (10) day period after receipt of notice, either in person or in writing

and without the requirement of bond, that a date and time be set when he may appear before the mayor's court to determine whether he is in violation of this Chapter and whether a public nuisance as defined in Section 15.2 exists.

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Section 15.5 Failure to remove

If there has been no compliance with the requirements of this Chapter within ten (10) days of receipt of notice and there has been no timely request for a judicial hearing, and junk listed in Section 15.2 shall be removed and disposed of by the town as the council and the mayor may designate. The clerk shall then cause a statement, giving a description of the property and cost incurred in removing the material, to be filed and recorded in the mortgage records of the parish; and when so filed and recorded, the statement shall constitute a lien upon the property from the date of recordation.

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Section 15.6 Right of entry of inspectors

Upon presentation of credentials, an inspector may enter, at reasonable times, any premise in the town to inspect such for compliance with this Chapter.

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Section 15.6 Penalties

Any person who fails or neglects to comply with this Chapter within ten (10) days of a judgment of the mayor's court determining that he is in violation thereof, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than five hundred (\$500) dollars, imprisonment not to exceed sixty (60) days, or both. Each day such violation occurs shall be considered a separate offense.

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