

## CHAPTER 14

### Garbage, Weeds, and Litter

Section 14.1 The existence of noxious weeds and rubbish on privately owned lots and property within the Town of Madisonville does hereby constitute a nuisance.

Section 14.2 The Town Council shall give 5 days written notice to the owner of property containing noxious weeds and rubbish to remove said weeds and rubbish or to show cause at the Clerk's office within said time why they should not be removed. In the event the owner of said property does not live herebn, the notice shall be sent to his last known address and a copy of the notice posted on the property.

Section 14.3 In the event the owner does not cause the weeds and rubbish to be removed within the five (5) day period, or does not show good cause for not doing so, the Town Council may cause the weeds and rubbish to be removed and the cost of so doing shall constitute a lien on the property which may be recorded by affidavit signed by the Clerk in the Office of Mortgages of the Parish, and may be enforced in accordance as provided by law.

Section 14.4 Abutting property owners shall be responsible for the cutting, destroying, or removing noxious weeds, grass or other selecterious, unhealthy or noxious growths or accumulations on sidewalks in the corporate limits of the municipality.

Section 14.5 Owners of lots, places or areas within the corporate limits of the municipality shall be responsible for the cutting, destroying or removing of noxious weeds, grass, or other deleterious, unhealthy or noxious growths or accumulations on their properties.

Section 14.6 The municipality, through its secretary, shall notify such owners and abutting owners, by United States Mail, addressed to such address as appears upon the latest municipal tax roll, of any failure to comply with any of the provisions of Section 1 and 2 thereof, and shall demand and require that such cutting, destroying or removal to be accomplished within fourteen (14) days from date of mailing notice.

Sectionn 14.7 After the said notice has been sent, and the delay provided has elapsed, the municipality shall cause to be cut, destroyed or removed the noxious weeds,

grass or other deleterious, unhealthy or noxious growths or accumulations set forth above, and shall thereupon bill the owner or abutting owner of the costs thereof.

Section 14.8 If, after thirty days from the date of mailing bill provided for in Section 14.7, sent to the last known address as above set forth, the same is not paid, the secretary of the Town is authorized, empowered, and instructed to file a notice of such cost against the property affected, such notice to create a privilege upon the property or abutting property of priority as provided by law.

Section 14.9 If, within ten months from filing the notice of cost provided for in Section 14.8, such cost, together with the cost of recording same, be not paid, the secretary of the Town is authorized, empowered and instructed to instruct the Town Attorney to institute legal proceedings leading to the enforcement and collection of the privilege thereby created; the said Town Attorney being hereby given full authority to represent the municipality in such suits.

Section 14.10 Garbage cans, according to the definition of this ordinance, be any can manufactured for the purpose of holding garbage. No garbage can will have a capacity of less than ten (10) gallons nor more than thirty-five (35) gallons. They shall be provided with a lid which will at all times fit tightly and exclude rain water and flies. All garbage cans shall be of metal or of a type approved by the Commissioner of Streets and Parks. The use of lard cans, tubs, or other containers other than regular garbage cans, for the purpose of holding garbage is hereby prohibited.

Section 14.11 All owners or occupants of dwellings and business places where garbage, paper, trash, etc. accumulates be required to provide and have on hand at least one (1) garbage can. When the Commissioner of Streets and Parks deems that more than one garbage can is necessary to adequately take care of the garbage, then a sufficient number shall be provided.

Section 14.12 Occupants of all residences and premises be required to keep all garbage, paper, trash and tin cans in garbage cans and at all times keep the lids on the cans so that flies and rain will be excluded.

Section 14.13 Upon instruction by the Commissioner of Streets and Parks all owners or occupants of premises where garbage cans are required shall provide suitable racks to hold garbage cans so that they will not likely be turned over by dogs or other animals. Owners or occupants will be required to locate garbage and racks

at points approved by the Commissioner of Streets and Parks.

Section 14.14 All occupants, or owners of premises be required to pick up any garbage, trash, litter, rubbish, tin cans, etc. and place these materials in garbage cans at all times.

Section 14.15 All occupants or residences and businesses shall be held responsible for the cleanliness of their premises.

Section 14.16 It is hereby unlawful for any person to salvage material from garbage cans, except by permission from the owner.

Section 14.17 All owners or managers of stores, restaurants, markets or stands be responsible for keeping sidewalks in front of their buildings occupied by them in a clean condition. It is hereby declared unlawful to sweep paper, trash, litter, dirt or other material into the streets.

Section 14.18 It is hereby unlawful for any person or persons to dump paper, trash, litter, dirt, garbage or other material into the Tchefuncta River or on the Bank thereof.

Section 14.19 No person shall dump or throw any paper, trash, tin cans, bottles, garbage, leaves, or any other debris of any kind whatsoever upon property belonging to any other person or upon or in any public road, right of ways, ditches, drainage channels, branches, rivers or waterways of any kind whatsoever within the Town of Madisonville, it being the purpose and intent to prohibit the dumping, or throwing of paper, trash, tin cans, bottles, garbage, leaves, or any other debris upon the property belonging to any person or upon any public road, right of ways, ditches, drainage channels, branches, rivers, or waterways of any kind whatsoever, at any time in the territorial boundaries of the Town of Madisonville, State of Louisiana.