

TITLE: Debris and Undesirable Vegetation Ordinance

SUBJECT: An Ordinance relating to the duty of property owners to keep lots free of debris and undesirable vegetation

Be it ordained by the City of Fincastle as follows:

SECTION I

It shall be the duty of each record owner of any lot situated within the boundaries of the City to keep such lot free at all times from any debris or any other such unhealthy, unsafe, unsightly, or demeaning materials or substances, and grass in excess of six inches (6") and any other vegetation in excess of eighteen inches (18") in height, excepting trees and shrubbery, flowers, and regularly maintained vegetable gardens wherein products are grown for human consumption.

SECTION II

Any owner who is convicted of violating this Ordinance shall be fined at least \$10.00 for each offense and may be fined up to \$100.00 for each offense. Each day a violation occurs shall be a separate offense.

SECTION III

In the event that any owner is convicted of violating this Ordinance and such owner fails to remedy the cause of such conviction within five (5) days from the date of same, the City shall have the right to remedy same at the peril of the owner and the City may recover from the owner the cost of remedying same. So long as such costs remain unpaid, the City shall have a lien upon the property of the owner for such costs together with costs of perfecting such lien plus interest at a rate of twelve (12) per cent per annum until paid.

SECTION IV

In the event that any property owner violated Section I of this Ordinance and the property whereupon such violation occurs is vacant and the Board of Commissioners determines that as a result thereof a health hazard exists, the Board of Commissioners shall have the right to remedy such health hazard at the cost of the property owner and at the peril of the property owner. In the event that the property owner fails to reimburse the City for the cost of same after the city makes a reasonable attempt to give notice of same, the city shall have a lien upon the property of the owner for such costs, together with the cost of perfecting same, plus interest at a rate of twelve (12) per cent per annum until paid. In the event such violation continues unremedied by the property owner, the city shall have the right to remedy same and the city shall have a lien for the cost of same as aforesaid.