

Sec. 11-51. - Regulations pertaining to weeds, debris, garbage, residential storage, portable storage containers, overcrowding in residential dwellings, and inoperable motor vehicles.

- (a) Garbage. It shall be unlawful for the owner or other person in charge or control of a building, lot or other premises within the city or the police jurisdiction thereof to fail to keep said lot or premises, including unenclosed porches, carports, and patios, clean and free from garbage, refuse, litter, junk, debris, salvage materials, household furniture, trash, used motor vehicle tires, inoperable motor vehicles, weeds, bottles, cans, brush, rubbish, kitchen and other household appliances, rags, paper, cardboard and other non-decorative matter, including any materials within which water may accumulate or which may shelter or encourage the growth of insects, pests, or rodents, or materials which generate obnoxious odors or anything that will, or is likely to, constitute a health hazard or nuisance by raising or harboring mosquitoes, flies, rats, fleas, snakes or which offend the general welfare of the community and thereby cause a substantial diminution in the value of other property nearby, provided, this subsection shall not apply to a licensed business if such business is in compliance with the zoning ordinance herein and if such activity is a permitted use and the operation of the business is done in a manner which does not allow the accumulation of water within which mosquito larvae may lice or encourage the growth of insects, pests and/or rodents. Each day such condition is maintained shall constitute a separate offense.
- (b) Weeds, shrubs, other vegetable growth. It shall be unlawful for any owner proprietor or other person in charge or control of any lot, place or premises within the city or police jurisdiction thereof, when such lot, place or premises are not under active cultivation for use and productive purposes, to fail to keep and maintain the same free from injurious, noxious, or unsightly weeds, shrubs and other vegetable or grass growth higher than twelve (12) inches. As used herein "weed" shall include an economically useless plant; a plant of unsightly appearance; a tree or shrub of low economic value that tends to grow freely, a form of vegetable life of exuberant growth and injurious effect. Each day such condition is maintained shall constitute a separate offense.
- (c) Storage in single-family residential districts (A-1, RE, E-I, E-2, R-1, R-2, R-3, RT-4, PRD and PR-1 of the zoning ordinance).
  - (1) It shall be unlawful for a single-family dwelling to be used for storage purposes to the extent that the storage use becomes the principle use of the building and thereby changes the residential character of the premises.
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