

Commercial Properties

Closed or Abandoned















Commercial Zone Landscaping

- All zones, commercial and residential have landscaping requirements
 - MH - 1,000 sq. ft per space, RES - 70% of front & side yards
- Commercial - requires 15' of landscaping
- “Required landscaping shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and orderly fashion. This is meant to include proper pruning, mowing lawns, weeding, removal of litter, fertilizing, replacement of dead plants, and the regular watering of all plantings.”
- Difficulty in enforcing landscaping requirements - time and money

City Code 4-2-5 Weeds and Deleterious Objects

- B. Standard Of Weed Control: It is hereby declared that the above stated weeds constitute a nuisance when they create a fire hazard, a source of contamination or pollution of the water, air or property, a danger to health, a breeding place or habitation for insects or rodents or other forms of life deleterious to humans or are unsightly or deleterious to their surroundings. (1978 Code § 10-323, as amended)

Penalty: It shall be an infraction and, upon conviction, subject to penalty as provided in section 1-4-1 of this code, for any person owning or occupying real property to allow weeds to grow higher than twelve inches (12") on such property or not to remove from such property any cuttings of such weeds or any refuse, unsightly or deleterious objects after having been given notice from the city official. (1978 Code § 10-321, as amended; amd. 2007 Code)

Nuisance Ordinance

Changed in 2013

- Dangerous to human life or health
- Complaint by two or more persons
- Police Chief - nuisance inspector
- Nuisance abated by property owner or citation issued - court proceedings

Fire Hazard

- Declared by the Fire Chief
- Letter sent - 10 days to remove the hazard
- City has property cleared and resident is billed
 - No provision in the code for admin fee
- Has been successful - property owners are starting to remove hazards before they receive a letter.