

Revised to: City Admin.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-1980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 14, "REFUSE," BY REPEALING SECTION 14-4 AND 14-5 OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW, SIMPLIFIED WEED PROVISIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

PART 1. That Sections 14-4(a), "Same uncultivated growth or growth of grass, weeds and brush in excess of twelve (12) inches; notice to mow or remove therefrom by the city legal department," and Section 14-5, "Same--Failure to comply with notice to remove conditions; removal by city; cost of removal by city," of Chapter 14, Refuse, of the Abilene Municipal Code, be repealed.

PART 2. That Chapter 14, Refuse, of the Abilene Municipal Code, be, and is hereby amended to read, as follows:

14-4-1 through 14-4-6

Sec. 14-4-1. Maximum growth.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association of persons, owner, agent, occupant or anyone having supervision or control of any lot, tract, parcel of land or portion thereof, occupied or unoccupied, improved or unimproved, within the corporate limits of the city to suffer or permit grass, weeds or brush that is uncultivated to grow to a greater height than twelve (12) inches on any lot, tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the city, five (5) acres in size or less.

(b) On tracts of land more than five (5) acres, it shall be unlawful to suffer or permit grass, weeds and brush in excess of twelve (12) inches in height to grow uncultivated within one hundred (100) feet adjacent to and along any dedicated public street within the corporate limits of the city or within one hundred (100) feet on either side of any lot that is occupied by a residence or business. (Code 1965, §14-4(a))

Sec. 14-4-2. Notice to property owners; annual notice.

When any violation of this article is found to exist, a notice by letter will be addressed to the owner of the property in question; or if the address of the property owner is unknown, then notice may be given by publication one (1) time in a local, daily newspaper of general circulation.

Annual notice may be given to property owners, as above provided, prior to the grass-growing season.

Upon the giving of said annual notice, no further notice shall be required pursuant to this ordinance.

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