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Trash Regulation

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Sec. 9-3-1 Title.

This chapter shall be known and referred to as the "City of Wrens Trash Regulation Ordinance. "

Sec. 9-3-2 Purpose.

In the City of Wrens, an accumulation of weeds, trash, junk, filth, and other unsanitary or unsafe conditions exist which create a health hazard or a general nuisance to those persons residing in the vicinity. Such conditions tend to interfere with the enjoyment of and reduce the value of private property; create safety and health hazards to children as well as adults; and interfere with the comfort and welfare of the public.

This chapter is adopted for the physical and economic growth of the City as will best promote the public health, morals, convenience and general welfare of the citizens of the City, and for the purpose of protecting the public. Adequate protection of the public health, safety and welfare requires that such conditions be regulated, removed, abated or prohibited.

Sec. 9-3-3 Definitions.

For the purpose of this section and the regulations herein set forth, certain terms and words are hereinafter defined and shall be constructed and interpreted herein as follows:

- a. Governing body. The word "governing body" means the Mayor and City Council of the City of Wrens.
- b. City. The word "City" means the City of Wrens, Georgia.
- c. Owner. The word "owner" means the holder of the title in fee simple and every mortgage of record.
- d. Parties in interest. The term "parties in interest" means the persons in possession of said property and all individuals, associations, and corporations who have interest of record in the county where the property is located in a dwelling, building, or structure, including executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees.
- e. Public Officer. The term "public officer" means the officer or officers who are authorized by the governing body of the City.

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- f. Resident. The term "resident" means any person residing in the affected jurisdiction of the City on or before the date on which the alleged nuisance arose.

Sec. 9-3-4 Unlawful accumulation of weeds, trash, junk, filth, and other unsanitary or unsafe conditions; Unlawful accumulation of other growth on area between the lot or parcel of land and the street curb.

No owner of any vacant lot or parcel of land in the City, whether for business, industrial; or residential use, shall allow an accumulation of weeds, trash, junk, filth, or other unsanitary or unsafe conditions creating a public health hazard or a general nuisance to those persons residing within the vicinity; nor shall any lot owner permit or allow grass, weeds, vines, underbrush, or other growth to grow or accumulate thereon, or on the area between the lot or parcel of land and the street curb, so as to constitute an unclean, unhealthy, unsanitary, unsightly, filthy, dangerous, objectionable, or offensive condition.

Sec. 9-3-5 Unlawful dumping of debris.

No owner of any vacant lot or parcel of land in the City, whether for business, industrial, or commercial use, shall permit or allow debris to be dumped or allow old lumber and building material to be piled thereon.

Sec. 9-3-6 Abatement.

Whenever the public officer discovers that the provisions of Section 9-3-4 or Section 9-3-5 above are being violated, he shall give the owner, his agent or other representative, and any other parties in interest, written notice by mail, directed to the last-known address as maintained on the City property records, that the condition shall be remedied within thirty (30) days; and if, after the expiration of the thirty (30) days the condition is not remedied, the public officer shall cause the work to be done and tax the cost of the work against the owner and the property. The cost shall constitute a lien against the property, and the City Clerk shall issue a fi.fa. in the name of the City of Wrens, acting by and through the mayor and council, for the cost, and levy the fi.fa. upon, and expose for sale, the property in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Georgia.

Sec. 9-3-7 Penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not exceeding \$100.00 dollars or be imprisoned in jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days or be both so fined and imprisoned. Each day such violation is committed or permitted shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such. A duly authorized officer of the City is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.