

## ORDINANCE NO. 21

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING UNLAWFUL ACCUMULATIONS AND GROWTHS; DEFINING SUCH UNLAWFUL ACCUMULATIONS AND GROWTHS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO ABATE; PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT BY TOWN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Mexico Beach, Florida, has determined that it is to the best interests to the health and welfare of the citizens that an ordinance prohibiting unlawful accumulations and growths shall be passed: Now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH:

Section 1. Unlawful Accumulations and Growths - Enumerated.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any lot, tract or parcel of land located within Two Hundred (200) feet of any house, mobile home, or other residence, or any other building, whether such lot, tract or parcel of land is occupied or unoccupied, to suffer, maintain or permit to remain thereon any accumulation of debris, decayed vegetable matter, filth, dangerous trees, rubbish or trash, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators or other household articles, or any excessive growth of weeds or underbrush, or growth of noxious plants. "Excessive Growth" is defined as more than Twelve (12) inches in height.

Section 2. Same - Duty to Remove.

It shall be the duty of the owner of any lot, tract or parcel of land described in Section 1 above to remove or cause to be removed from such lot, tract or parcel of land all excessive growth of weeds, noxious plants, underbrush or dangerous trees, and to remove or cause to be removed all debris, decayed vegetable matter, filth, rubbish, trash, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, and other household articles.

Section 3. Notice to Abate Nuisance - To Be Given.

Should the owner of any lot, tract, or parcel of land described in Section 1 above, fail, refuse or neglect to remove or cause to be removed

therefrom any accumulation of debris, decayed vegetable matter, filth, rubbish, trash, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators and other household items, or dangerous trees, or should the owner of any lot, tract or parcel of land in the city fail, refuse or neglect to remove or cause to be removed therefrom all excessive growth of weeds or other noxious plants, underbrush, or dangerous trees, such owner, if the real estate is unoccupied, or such owner and occupant of occupied real estate, shall be served with a Thirty (30) day notice in writing directing such owner to abate the nuisance existing on the real estate by reason of the accumulation, excessive growth, dangerous trees or noxious plants or underbrush.

Section 4. Same - Service

Service upon the owner of the Thirty (30) day notice provided in Section 3 shall either be by personal service or by mailing the notice to the addressee's last known address as the same appears on the records of the city. In the event the lot, tract, or parcel of land is unoccupied and the address of the owner is unknown, service of the notice shall be made upon the owner by posting the same on such lot, tract, or parcel of land.

Section 5. Abatement by Town.

If, within the Thirty (30) days specified in Section 3, the owner should fail, refuse, or neglect to abate the nuisance, the city may undertake to abate the same through the use of its own personnel, facilities, or equipment, or the city may contract with independent contractors to do the work and cause the nuisance to be abated, and in either event the costs incurred by the city to accomplish the abatement of the nuisance shall be assessed against and be a lien upon the lot, tract, or parcel of land where the nuisance existed.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

INTRODUCED at a Regular Council meeting of the Town Council on

the 18th day of March, A.D. 1971, and ADOPTED by the Town Council on the  
22d day of April, A.D., 1971.

TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

By: Charles M. Parker  
Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rella B. Weller  
Town Clerk