

ORDINANCE NO. 78

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 21;
PROHIBITING UNLAWFUL ACCUMULATIONS AND
GROWTHS; DEFINING SUCH UNLAWFUL ACCUMULATIONS
AND GROWTHS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO ABATE;
PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; AND PRO-
VIDING 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 pro-
hibiting 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 un-
occupied, to suffer, maintain or permit to remain thereon any
accumulation of debris, decayed vegetable matter, filth, danger-
ous 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
articles, refrigerators, and other household articles.

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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 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. Penalty for Violation.

If, within the thirty (30) days specified in Section 3, the owner should fail, refuse, or neglect to abate the nuisance then he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided by law.

Section 6. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 21 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

INTRODUCED at a Regular Council Meeting of the Town Council on the 14th day of February, 1978, and ADOPTED by the Town Council on the 14th of March, 1978.

TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

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