

SECTION 7: WEEDS, BRUSH, AND UNSIGHTLY, OBJECTIONABLE, OR
UNSANITARY MATTER PROHIBITED ON LOTS

A. ABATEMENT AFTER DUE NOTICE GIVEN

Should any owner of any lot within the city who shall allow weeds, rubbish, brush or any other unsightly, objectionable, or unsanitary matter to grow or accumulate thereon, fail and/or refuse to cut down and/or remove such weeds, rubbish, brush, or other unsightly, objectionable, or unsanitary matter as the case may be, within ten (10) days after notice to said owner to do so in writing, or by letter addressed to such owner at his post office address, or within ten (10) days after notice by publication as many as two (2) times within ten (10) consecutive days in any newspaper in the city, if personal service may not be had as aforesaid, or if the owner's address not be known, then the city may do such cutting down and/or removing such weeds, rubbish, brush, or any other unsightly, objectionable, or unsanitary matter, or cause the same to be done, and may pay therefor and charge the expenses incurred in doing such work or of such real estate; and if such work is done or improvements made at the expense of the city, such expense shall be assessed on the real estate upon which such expense was incurred.

B. RECOVERY OF CITY'S EXPENSES

The city utility manager or city health officer shall file a statement of expenses incurred under this section, giving the amount of such expenses, the date on which said work was done or improvements made, with the county clerk, and the city shall have a privileged lien on such real estate upon which said work was done or improvements made to secure the expenditure so made, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4436, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, which said amount shall bear ten percent (10%) interest from the date said statement was filed. It is further provided that for any such expenditures and interest, as aforesaid, suit may be instituted and recovery and foreclosure of said lien may be had in the name of the city, and the statement of expenses so made, as aforesaid or a certified copy thereof, shall be prima facie proof of the amount expended for such work, or improvements.

(Ordinance of December 20, 1982; Minutes - Vol. 7, pg 391)

SECTION 8: MANDATORY MUNICIPAL GARBAGE AND TRASH
PICKUP AND CONTAINERS REQUIRED

A. MANDATORY GARBAGE AND TRASH PICKUP

Municipal garbage and trash pickup shall be mandatory for every owner, occupant, tenant, or lessee using or occupying any building, house, or structure within the city, for residences, churches, schools, colleges, lodges, commercial business and/or any other purpose.

(Ordinance of September 23, 1985)

B. SPECIFICATIONS OF GARBAGE CONTAINERS

- (1) Each of such owners, occupants, tenants, or lessees described above shall provide a container for garbage of not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) gallons capacity, constructed of galvanized iron, tin, or other suitable material, with a tight fitting lid or cover and with handles sufficiently strong for workmen to empty conveniently. The container must not have any inside structures, such as inside bands or reinforcing angles, or anything within the container to prevent the free discharge of the contents.
- (2) Provisions of paragraph (1) regarding requirements as to containers for garbage shall apply also to trash, except that large cartons and boxes, tree limbs, and other large and bulky trash may be broken down and tied in bundles instead of being placed in containers. Bundles so placed for collection shall not exceed fifty pounds (50#) in weight. Tree trimmings or hedge cuttings shall not be more than five feet (5') in length or eighteen inches (18") in diameter. The same shall be placed for collection in the manner and times provided by the city officer in charge of collection.

C. LIDS OR COVERS TO BE KEPT SECURE AND FASTENED

The lids or covers of all garbage and trash containers shall at all times be kept secure and fastened so that flies and other insects may not have access to the contents thereof. Such lids or covers shall only be removed while the containers or receptacles are being filled or emptied, as the case may be.