

Sec. 42-31. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Any and all other objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter of whatever nature all uncultivated vegetation, grass, and plant growth this term shall apply to objects and matters not included within the meanings of the other terms used in this article, which are liable to produce or tend to produce an unhealthy, unwholesome or unsanitary condition to the premises within the general locality where the same are situated, and shall also include any species of weed, grass or vegetation and plant growth which might or may tend to be unhealthy to individuals residing within the general locality of where the same are situated.

Brush means all trees, including palm and citrus trees, but not limited to, all shrubbery, hedge trimmings, tree limbs, branches and trimmings, plant and shrub trimmings, leaves and limbs, yard cleanings, and other similar items which are not cultivated nor cared for by persons owning or controlling the premises.

Lot or parcel of real estate means, in addition to those grounds within their respective boundaries, all lots or parcels of ground lying and being adjacent thereto and extending beyond the property line of any such lot or parcel of real estate to the curblines of adjacent streets where a curblines has been, and 14 feet beyond the property line where no curblines has been established.

Trash means all refuse, rubbish, rejected tin cans, old vessels of all sorts, and, in general, all litter and all other things usually included within the meaning of such term.

Weeds means all rank and uncultivated vegetation, grass or plant matter which has grown to more than 12 inches in height or which, regardless of height, is liable to produce an unhealthy, unsightly, unwholesome, or unsanitary condition or become a harboring place for mosquitos, vermin, or vectors.

(Code 1976, § 16-15)

Cross references: Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 42-32. Prohibited conditions and/or acts.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, as the owner, tenant, or agent, and/or both, of any premises to allow or permit any filth, grass, weeds, brush, trimmings, plants that are not cultivated, rubbish, trash, and all other objectionable, unsightly and unsanitary matter of whatever nature, or any other impure or unwholesome matter

of any kind to accumulate, remain, or exists thereon, covering or partly covering the surface of any lot or parcel of real estate situated within the city.

- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, as the owner, tenant, or agent, and/or both, of any premises to allow any pesticide, industrial waste, sewage and/or other substance liable to cause disease or produce, harbor and spread disease germs of any nature, or tend to render the surrounding atmosphere unhealthy, unsafe, unwholesome, or obnoxious. Such condition or act is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance, the prompt abatement of which shall be a public necessity.
- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person, as owner or occupant of any lot or premises in the city, to allow or permit the existence of any palm tree or similar type tree on such premises when such tree is dead or damaged and such condition poses a serious threat to property or life on such premises or an adjacent lot of an adjacent public right-of-way, and such condition is hereby declared to be a nuisance in the city.
- (d) It shall be unlawful for any person, as owner or occupant of any lot or other premises in the city, to allow or permit holes or places where water may accumulate and become stagnant to be or remain on such lot or premises or to allow or to permit the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or to permit stagnant water to remain thereon.

(Code 1976, § 16-16)