

PUBLIC CITY OF VERGAS NUISANCE POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

Public Nuisance affects the health and safety of any considerable number of members of the public, as outlined in City Ordinance section 92.15 Public Nuisance of the Title IX: General Regulations

POLICY:

- 1.) Nuisance property is identified by:
 - A. The Planning Commission tours held at May, July and September Meetings.
 - B. A completed Citizen Concern Form is received in the City Office, from citizens or the Utilities Supervisor.
- 2.) The City Office staff requests utilities department to visually evaluate sites and document with pictures (imprinted with date). This information is delivered to the City Office.
- 3.) Information is presented to Planning Commission for further action.
- 4.) The determination of a nuisance requires the following steps:
 - A. A nuisance letter is created for the property stating the ordinance violation, what is expected to abate the nuisance, specific dates noted as to completion of abatement.
 - B. The Utilities department will inspect the site and provide documentation with pictures. (Imprinted with date.)
 - C. Two Planning Commission members will review documents and determine if nuisance still exists.
- 5.) The City Office sends certified letter allowing an additional 10 days to abate.
- 6.) The Planning Commission recommends to the City Council one of the following actions:
 - a) public hearing
 - b) enforcement proceedings
 - c) litigation
 - d) the City hiring someone to abate the nuisance for them.

If the City is forced to abate the nuisance on property owner's property behalf, the owner will be billed for all the costs associated with abating the nuisance including administrative costs. The City may also assess those costs against their property.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__ by the City Council of the City of Vergas

Julie Bruhn
Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Lammers
City Clerk-Treasurer