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CHAPTER 25

NUISANCES

ARTICLE I - GENERALLY

25-1-1 **SPECIFIC NUISANCES ENUMERATED.** It is hereby declared to be a nuisance and to be against the health, peace and comfort of the City, for any person, firm or corporation within the limits of the City to permit the following but the enumeration of the following nuisances shall not be deemed to be exclusive:

(A) **Filth.** To cause or suffer the carcass of any animal or any offal, filth or noisome substance to be collected, deposited or to remain in any place, to the prejudice of others.

(B) **Deposit of Offensive Materials.** To throw or deposit any offal or other offensive matter, or the carcass of any dead animal in any water course, lake, pond, spring, well or common sewer, street or public highway.

(C) **Corruption of Water.** To corrupt or render unwholesome, or impure, the water of any spring, river, stream, pond or lake, well, public or private, to the injury or prejudice of others.

(D) **Highway Encroachment.** To obstruct and/or encroach upon public highways, private ways, streets, alleys, commons, landing places, and ways to burying places. No parking of trailers, flatbeds, campers, motorhomes, boats, buses, on residential streets or in the public easement between the street and city sidewalk.

(E) **Manufacturing Gunpowder.** To carry on the business of manufacturing gunpowder, nitroglycerine, or other highly explosive substances, or mixing or grinding the materials therefore, in any building within **three hundred (300) feet** of any valuable building erected at the time such business may be commenced.

(F) **Powder Magazines.** To establish powder magazines near incorporated towns, at a point different from that appointed according to law by the corporate authorities of the town, or within **eight hundred (800) feet** of any occupied dwelling house.

(G) **Noxious Odors.** To erect, continue or use any building or other place for the exercise of any trade, employment or manufacture, which, by occasioning noxious exhalations, offensive smells or otherwise, is offensive and/or dangerous to the health of individuals, or of the public.

(H) **Bodies of Water.** To create any condition, through the improper maintenance of a swimming pool or wading pool, or by causing any action which alters the condition of a natural body of water, so that it harbors mosquitoes, flies or other animal pests that are offensive, injurious and/or dangerous to the health of individuals or the public.

(I) **Storing Debris.** To store, dump or permit the accumulation of debris, refuse, garbage, trash, tires, buckets, cans, wheelbarrows, garbage cans or other containers in a manner that may harbor mosquitoes, flies, insects, rodents, feral animals, nuisance birds or other animal pests that are offensive, injurious and dangerous to the health of individuals or the public.

(J) **Underground Wells.** To permit any salt water, oil, gas or other wastes from any well drilled for oil, gas or exploratory purposes to escape to the surface, or into a mine or coal seam, or into any underground fresh water supply, or from one underground stratum to another.

(K) **Filthy Premise Conditions.** To keep or suffer to be kept in a foul, offensive, nauseous or filthy condition, any chicken coop, cow barn, stable, cellar, vault, drain, privy, sewer or sink upon any premises belonging to or occupied by him, or any railroad car, building, yard, grounds, and premises belonging to or occupied by him.

(L) **Expectorate.** To expectorate on any public sidewalk or street, or other public building or floor or walk of any public vehicle or hall.

(M) **Litter on Streets.** It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or allow trash, paper, cardboard, wire, dirt, rock, stone, glass, brick, lumber, wood or litter or material

objects of any size or description to fall upon the streets of the City from any moving vehicle, or to be thrown from a moving vehicle, or to throw from a moving vehicle and to remain thereon.

(N) **Accumulation of Junk And Trash.** To deposit or pile up any rags, old rope, paper, iron, brass, copper, tin, aluminum, ashes, garbage, refuse, hazardous waste, plastic, electronics, appliances, brush, litter, weeds, sludge, lead, glass bottles or broken glass upon any lot, piece or parcel of land or upon any public or private alley, street or public way within the City.

(O) **Rodents.** To cause or permit any condition or situation to exist that shall attract, harbor, or encourage the infestation of rodents or feral animals.

(P) **Offensive Liquids.** To keep nauseous, foul or putrid liquid or substance or any liquid or substance likely to become nauseous, foul, offensive, or putrid, nor permit any such liquid to be discharged, placed, thrown, or to flow from or out of any premise into or upon any adjacent premises or any public street or alley, nor permit the same to be done by any person connected with the premises.

(Q) **Motor Transport Engines.** To operate motor vehicle transport engines in the nighttime between the hours of **eight (8:00) o'clock P.M.** and **six (6:00) o'clock A.M.**, in any place in which a majority of the buildings, within a radius of **four hundred (400) feet**, are used exclusively for residence purposes, excluding state and federal highways.

(R) **Unplugged Wells.** To permit any well drilled for oil, gas, saltwater disposal or any other purpose in connection with the production of oil and gas, to remain unplugged after such well is no longer used for the purpose for which it was drilled.

(S) **Burn-Out Pits.** To construct or operate any saltwater pit or oil field refuse pit, commonly called a **"burn-out pit"** so that salt water, brine or oil field refuse or other waste liquids may escape therefrom in any manner except by the evaporation of such salt water or brine or by the burning of such oil field waste or refuse.

(T) **Discarded Machinery.** To permit concrete bases, discarded machinery and materials to remain around any oil or gas well, or to fail to fill any holes, cellars, slush pits and other excavations made in connection with any such well or to restore the surface of the lands surrounding any such well to its condition before the drilling of any such well, upon abandonment of any such oil or gas well.

(U) **Accumulation of Debris.** To store, dump or permit the accumulation of debris, refuse, garbage, trash, tires, buckets, cans, wheelbarrows, garbage cans or other containers in a manner that may harbor mosquitoes, flies, insects, rodents, nuisance birds or other animal pests that are offensive, injurious or dangerous to the health of individuals or the public.

(V) **Feral Animals.** No feeding, watering or sheltering feral animals on public property or by trespassing on other private properties.

(W) **Unlawful Advertising.** To advertise wares or occupations by painting notices of the same on, or affixing them to fences or other private property, or on rocks or other natural objects without the consent of the owner, or if in the highway or other public place, without permission of the proper authorities.

(X) **Harassment.** To harass, intimidate or threaten any person who is about to sell or lease or has sold or leased a residence or other real property, or is about to buy or lease, or has bought or leased a residence or other real property, when the harassment, intimidation, or threat relates to a person's attempt to sell, buy or lease a residence, or other real property, or refers to a person's sale, purchase or lease of a residence or other real property.

(Y) **Business.** To establish, maintain, and carry on any offensive or unwholesome business or establishment within the limits of the City or within **one and one-half (1 ½) miles** of the City limits.

(Z) **Bringing Nuisances into the City.** To bring into the City or keep therein for sale or otherwise, either for food or for any other purpose, any dead or live animal or any matter, substance, or thing which shall be a nuisance, or which shall occasion a nuisance in the City, or which may or shall be dangerous or detrimental to health.

(AA) **Dense or Offensive Smoke.** To cause or permit the emission of dense smoke from any fire, chimney, engine, oil burner or any other agency in the City so as to cause annoyance or discomfort to the residents thereof.

(BB) **Scrap Tires, Both Mounted and Dismounted.** To keep any scrap tires, either mounted or dismounted, in open view, or so as to allow such tires to accumulate stagnant water so as to provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests.

(CC) **Discarded Machinery or Materials.** To store, keep or maintain outside of a closed building the following: (1) used appliances, used or dilapidated furniture, bathroom fixtures, tires, old iron or metal, motor vehicle parts and all other parts, tools, machinery, and equipment in inoperable condition, for longer than a two-week time period; or, (2) used lumber, bricks, blocks, or other building salvage or construction material, unless such material is intended for reuse and arranged in an orderly fashion.

(DD) **Materials susceptible to Becoming Windborne.**

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or maintain or cause to be operated or maintained any building, structure or premises, open building, demolition or wrecking operation, or any other enterprise without taking reasonable precautions to minimize atmospheric pollution.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit the handling, loading, unloading, storing, transferring, transporting, placing, discarding or scattering of any ashes, fly ash, cinders, slag or dust collected from any combustion process, any dust, dirt, chaff, waste paper, trash, rubbish, waste, or refuse matter of any kind, or any other substance or material whatever, which is likely to be scattered by the wind, or is susceptible to being windborne, without taking reasonable precautions to minimize atmospheric pollution.

(EE) **Mechanical Equipment Noise.**

(1) Except temporarily in the case of urgent necessity to protect public health or safety, no person shall cause or permit the operation of any blower, fan, pump, or compressor, or engine or motor in connection therewith including without limitation stationary motor vehicle engines, fixed or vehicle-mounted heating, ventilation, refrigeration or cooling systems, pool filtration systems, generators or other such mechanical equipment, which emits noise of a continuous or penetrating nature that disturbs the comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities occupying residential property within the area of audibility, if the sound level of such noise exceeds the residential noise level standards in subsection (2) of this paragraph.

(2) Noise defined in paragraph (1) of this Section, emitted from any property shall not exceed the average sound levels set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section upon any portion of any other property if such other property is zoned for residential use.

(a) Between 10:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.: sixty-three (63) decibels (dBA).

(b) Between 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M.: sixty-eight (68) decibels (dBA).

(FF) **Generally.** To commit any offense which is a nuisance according to the common law of the land or made such by statute of the State. (740 ILCS 55/221 – 55/222)

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent the corporate authorities of this City from declaring what shall be nuisances and abating them within the City limits.

25-1-2 NUISANCES DETRIMENTAL TO HEALTH GENERALLY. No building, vehicle, structure, receptacle, yard, lot, premise, or part thereof shall be made, used, kept, maintained or operated in the City if such use, keeping, maintaining of any nuisance shall be dangerous or detrimental to health.

25-1-3 **NOTICE TO ABATE.** Whenever the Police Chief, Superintendent of Water and Street and Alley, Superintendent of Wastewater and Sewer or a designated representative hereinafter “City Agent” finds that a nuisance exists, he/she shall personally serve or serve by U.S. Postal mail (certified) to the party on whose property the nuisance exists a written notice ordering that the nuisance be abated within a reasonable time. The notice to abate shall contain:

- (A) A description of what constitutes the nuisance.
- (B) The location of the nuisance.
- (C) A statement of what condition or state of affairs must be achieved in order for the nuisance to be deemed abated.
- (D) A statement suggesting how such abatement might be accomplished.
- (E) The date by which abatement must be completed.
- (F) A statement indicating that if the nuisance is not abated the City shall pursue a judicial process naming the violator as a defendant and seeking judicial authority ordering compliance or authorizing the City to abate and recover the costs for same in addition to fines and court costs.

25-1-4 **ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE BY CITY; UNKNOWN OWNER.** It shall be the duty of the City Agent to proceed at once upon the expiration of the time specified in the notice to proceed to take such action, judicial or otherwise, to enforce the within Article.

25-1-5 **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH NOTICE.** If the person notified to abate a nuisance shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of such notice by abating such nuisance within the time specified, such person shall be guilty of a violation of this Code. The City shall not be required to issue another notice where the condition or violation is at first abated, but later resumed and/or repeated.

25-1-6 **ABATEMENT PROCESS.** A “First Letter of Notice” will be issued for nuisance violations as prescribed by and in accordance with this Chapter. If the documented violation(s) is/are not remedied in the time specified in the “First Letter of Notice”, a “Second Letter of Notice” will be issued to the owner and/or the fine is not paid within **two (2) weeks** of the Second Notice Date, a ticket will be issued with additional fines of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)** per violation and owner and/or occupant will be given a date to appear in court.

To protect the integrity of the nuisance violation ordinance process and procedure, all correspondence concerning nuisance violations must go through the Gibson City Police Department and/or by contacting the City Attorney.

(See 65 ILCS 5/11-60-2 and 720 ILCS 5/47-5; 5/47-10 and 5/47-15)

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

ARTICLE II - WEEDS

25-2-1 **DEFINITION.** “Weeds” as used in this Code shall include, but not be limited to the following:

Burdock, Rag Weed (giant), Rag Weed (Common), Thistle, Cocklebur, Jimson, Blue Vervain, Wild Carrot, Poison Ivy, Wild Mustard, Rough Pigweed, Lambsquarter, Wild Lettuce, Curled Dock, Smartweeds (all varieties), Poison Hemlock, Wild Hemp and Johnson Grass and all other noxious weeds as defined by the statutes of the State of Illinois.

25-2-2 **HEIGHT.** It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass, or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding **eight (8) inches** anywhere in the City. Any such plants or weeds exceeding such height are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

25-2-3 **NOTICE.** The City Agent may issue a written notice for the removal of weeds or grass. Such weeds or grass shall be cut by the owner or occupant within **five (5) days** after such notice has been duly served.

25-2-4 **SERVICE OF NOTICE.** Service of the notice provided for herein may be effected by handing the same to the owner, occupant or lessee of the premises, or to any member of his household of the age of **fifteen (15) years** or older found on the premises or by mailing such notice to the last known residence address of the owner; provided, that if the premises are unoccupied and the owner's address cannot be obtained, then the notice may be served by posting the same upon the premises.

25-2-5 **ABATEMENT.** If the person so served does not abate the nuisance within **five (5) days**, the City Agent may proceed to abate such nuisance in accordance with and as authorized by State Statute, keeping an account of the expense of the abatement, and such expense shall be charged and paid by such owner or occupant.

25-2-6 **LIEN.** Charges for such weed removal shall be a lien upon the premises. A bill representing the cost and expense incurred or payable for the service shall be presented to the owner. If this bill is not paid within **thirty (30) days** of submission of the bill, a notice of lien of the cost and expenses thereof incurred by the City shall be recorded in the following manner:

- (A) A description of the real estate sufficient for identification thereof.
- (B) The amount of money representing the cost and expense incurred or payable for the service.
- (C) The date or dates when said cost and expense was incurred by the City and shall be filed within **sixty (60) days** after the cost and expense is incurred.

25-2-7 **PAYMENT.** Notice of such lien claim shall be mailed to the owner of the premises if his address is known. Upon payment of the cost and expense after notice of lien has been filed, the lien shall be released by the City or person in whose name the lien has been filed and the release shall be filed of record in the same manner as filing notice of the lien. All lien and release filing fees shall be paid by the owner of the property.

25-2-8 **FORECLOSURE OF LIEN.** Property subject to a lien for unpaid weed cutting charges shall be sold for non-payment of the same and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied to pay the charges after deducting costs, as is the case in the foreclosure of statutory liens. Such foreclosure shall be in the name of the City after the lien is in effect for **sixty (60) days**.

25-2-9 **VIOLATION - PENALTIES - LIEN.** Violation of this Article shall result in a fine of **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** for the first offense and a fine of no less than **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** for each subsequent offense. Such fines shall be in addition to any other sanctions provided under this Article.

25-2-10 **COST.** Except as otherwise determined by the City Agent based on actual costs, the cost of mowing shall be calculated based upon a charge of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** per hour for each machine and City employee used to abate the nuisance or if higher, the City’s cost to abate plus the cost of administration being an additional **ten percent (10%)**.

(See 65 ILCS 5/11-20-6 and 5/11-20-7)

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

ARTICLE III - GARBAGE AND DEBRIS

25-3-1 **ACCUMULATION AND BURNING PROHIBITED.** No person shall permit any garbage or trash to accumulate or be burned on their premises or private property. All trash is to be deposited into a receptacle with a tight-fitting lid. It is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of real estate to refuse or neglect to remove the garbage or debris.

25-3-2 **NOTICE TO PERSON.** The City Agent may issue a written notice for removal of garbage or debris. Such garbage or debris shall be removed by the owner or occupant within **seven (7) days** after such notice has been duly served.

25-3-3 **SERVICE OF NOTICE.** Service of notice provided for herein may be effected by handing of the same to the owner, occupant, or lessee of the premises, or to any member of his household of the age of **fifteen (15) years** or older found on the premises or by mailing such notice to the last known residence address of the owner; provided that if the premises are unoccupied and the owner’s address cannot be obtained, then the notice may be served by posting the same upon the premises.

25-3-4 **ABATEMENT.** If the person so served does not abate the nuisance within **seven (7) days**, the City Agent may proceed to seek judicial authority to abate such nuisance, keeping an account of the expense of the abatement and such expense shall be charged and paid by such owner or occupant in addition to fines and court costs.

25-3-5 **LIEN.** Charges for such removal shall be a lien upon the premises. A bill representing the cost and expense incurred or payable for the service shall be presented to the owner. If this bill is not paid within **thirty (30) days** of submission of the bill, a notice of lien of the cost and expenses thereof incurred by the City shall be recorded in the following manner:

- (A) A description of the real estate sufficient for identification thereof.
- (B) The amount of money representing the cost and expense incurred or payable for the service.
- (C) The date or dates when said cost and expense was incurred by the City and shall be filed within **sixty (60) days** after the cost and expense is incurred.

25-3-6 **PAYMENT.** Notice of such lien claim shall be mailed to the owner of the premises if his address is known. Upon payment of the cost and expense after notice of lien has been filed, the lien shall be released by the City or person in whose name the lien has been filed and the release shall be filed of record in the same manner as filing notice of the lien.

25-3-7 FORECLOSURE OF LIEN. Property subject to a lien for unpaid charges shall be sold non-payment of the same, and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied to pay the charges after deducting costs, as is the case in the foreclosure of statutory liens. Such foreclosure shall be in the name of the City, after lien is in effect for **sixty (60) days**. Suit to foreclose this lien shall be commenced within **two (2) years** after the date of filing notice of lien.

25-3-8 ABATEMENT PROCESS. A “First Letter of Notice” will be issued for nuisance violations as prescribed by and in accordance with this Article. If the documented violation(s) is/are not remedied in the time specified in the “First Letter of Notice” a “Second Letter of Notice” will be issued to the owner and/or the fine is not paid within **two (2) weeks** of the Second Notice Date a ticket will be issued with additional fines of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)** per violation and owner and/or occupant will be given a date to appear in court.

To protect the integrity of the nuisance violation ordinance process and procedure all correspondence concerning nuisance violations must go through the Police Department and/or by contacting the City attorney.

(See 65 ILCS 5/11-20-13 and 720 ILCS 5/47-10)

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

ARTICLE IV – ALARM SYSTEMS

25-4-1 DEFINITIONS. The following words and phrases, when used in this Article, shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

“Alarm” means an audible or mechanical or electrical signal from a detention system which indicates a disturbance of the detention system or some other activity that requires urgent attention.

“Alarm Business” means the business, operated by a person of leasing, maintaining, servicing, repairing, altering, replacing, moving or installing any alarm system or causing to be leased, maintained, serviced, repaired, altered, replaced, moved or installed any alarm system in or on any building, structure or facility.

“Alarm Signal Panel” means the panel containing alarm terminals or boxes which are located in the Police Department facility, and which alerts Police Department personnel to emergency situations.

“Alarm System” means any assembly of equipment which is designed or functions to provide an audible or mechanical or electrical signal which indicates a disturbance or some other activity that requires urgent attention.

“Alarm User” means any person which owns or is in control of a premises, either business or residential, where an alarm system is maintained.

“Automatic Dialing Device” means a device which is connected to a telephone line and is programmed to transmit to a selected telephone number a voice message or a code signal which indicates a need for an emergency response.

“City Agent” shall mean the Chief of Police, the Superintendent of Water and Street and Alley, Superintendent of Wastewater/Sewer, or a designated representative.

“Facility and Premises” means the location or the structure or the property of either a residential or business alarm user and includes any and all walk-ups, branches or other auxiliary structures associated with and located within **one hundred (100) feet** of the primary structure. Each individually owned or operated business within a mall, shopping center or cluster of stores shall be considered as one facility and premises. Each individually owned or occupied condominium, apartment or other area used for residential purposes shall be considered as one facility and premises.

“False Alarm” means the transmission of an alarm signal requesting an emergency response by the Police Department in instances where an emergency situation does not, in fact, exist.

“Financial Institution” means banks and savings and loan associations chartered by the State or the United States of America.

“Interconnect” means to connect an alarm system to a telephone line, either through an automatic dialing device or through a mechanical device which utilizes a telephone, for the purpose of transmitting an emergency message upon activation or disturbance of the alarm system.

“Show-Up Fees” mean those fees assessed by the City and billed to any alarm user whose false alarms exceed the allowable number included in **Section 25-4-3(C)**.

25-4-2 NUISANCE. It shall be unlawful and constitute a public nuisance if any person, firm, corporation, partnership or any other entity at any time commits the following acts:

(A) Except for the first **thirty (30) days** after initial installation, an alarm system shall constitute a public nuisance if **ten (10) false alarms** occur within a **twelve (12) month** period.

(B) It shall be unlawful to interconnect, or for any alarm user to allow the interconnection of, an automatic dialing device for an alarm system to a Police Department telephone.

(C) It shall be unlawful for an alarm business to report an alarm on a Police Department telephone number(s), except as authorized by these rules.

(D) The following shall be prima facie proof of violation of this Chapter:

- (1) The receipt of a call from or in relation to an alarm system at a facility or premises which are not registered; or
- (2) A response by the Police Department to an alarm at a facility or premises which are not registered; or
- (3) The receipt of a call from or in relation to an alarm system on a Police Department number which is not authorized for use by an alarm business in the rules.
- (4) The receipt of a call from an automatic dialing device.

25-4-3 PROCEDURE, ADMINISTRATION, FEES AND FINES. The following shall constitute the procedure, administration, fees and fines under this Section:

(A) When an alarm system has **five (5) false alarms** within a **twelve (12) month** period, the City Agent shall serve a notice by certified mail or by personal service upon the alarm user and to the alarm business serving the alarm system stating that the alarm system is in danger of becoming a public nuisance. The City Agent shall require that the alarm user and the alarm business servicing the alarm system submit a written report to the City Agent within **ten (10) calendar days** of the receipt of the notice describing those actions that will be taken to discover and eliminate the cause of the false alarms.

(B) No financial institution shall be required to remove an incoming line from the alarm signal panel located in the Police Department for violation of this Section.

(C) The City shall bill all alarm users a show-up fee for responding to each false alarm occurring within a **twelve (12) month** period, in accordance with the following schedule:

- (1) **one (1) through nine (9) false alarms**, no fee.
- (2) **ten (10) through fourteen (14) false alarms**, **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** each.
- (3) **fifteen (15) or more false alarms**, **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** each.

All show-up fees herein provided for shall be paid within **thirty (30) days** after the date of billing.

(D) Each individual facility or premises at which an alarm system is maintained will be registered and accounted for separately and will be billed show-up fees accordingly.

(E) Any alarm user who is billed for show-up fees by the City may appeal such fees to the Chief of Police. An appeal must be filed within **thirty (30) days** of the date of the billing. After receiving the decision of the Chief of Police, any alarm user may appeal such fees to the Mayor.

(F) No abatement or refund of any show-up fees shall be granted unless the applicant proves reasonable and just cause exists for such refund or abatement. The right to appeal and contest any show-up fee herein is conditional upon the payment of the contested fee to the City prior to the request for appeal.

25-4-4 **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.** The City assumes no liability for any of the following:

- (A) Any defects in the operation of the alarm system or an alarm business.
- (B) The failure or neglect to respond appropriately upon receipt of an alarm from an alarm system or from an alarm business.
- (C) The failure or neglect of any person in connection with the installation and operation of equipment, the transmission of alarms by any means, prerecorded alarm messages, or the relaying of such alarms.

25-4-5 **FEES FOR LINES TERMINATING AT POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Each alarm business which owns or maintains an alarm signal panel which terminates in the Police Department shall pay to the City Clerk the sum of **Ten Dollars (\$10.00)** per month per incoming alarm line. (Example: Company A maintains a panel with capabilities for **ten (10)** incoming lines, only **five (5)** of which are connected to a facility or premises. The fee to the company is **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** per month).

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

ARTICLE V - BUILDING AS NUISANCE

25-5-1 **BUILDING CONDITION - NUISANCE.** The Building Inspector or the City Superintendent along with the Police Chief, and Fire Chief, shall report to the City Council when any building or structure in the City is in a dangerous condition and constitutes a nuisance. Hereinafter, all references to Building Inspector shall include “his designated representative”.

25-5-2 **TIME LIMIT.** The owner of such a building shall make it safe within **fifteen (15) days** and shall repair, alter or demo the building within **sixty (60) days** from the time the notice is served upon him in the manner provided by law.

25-5-3 **NOTIFICATION.** The Building Inspector, with the approval of the City Council, shall place a notice on all “dangerous and unsafe buildings”, which notice shall read as follows:

“This building has been found to be a dangerous and unsafe building by the City officials. This notice shall remain on this building until it is repaired, vacated or demolished in accordance with the notice which has been given the owner, occupant, lessee, mortgagee, or agent of this building, or person or persons in whose name or names such building was last assessed, and all other persons having an interest in said building as shown by the land records of the County Recorder of Deeds. It is unlawful to remove this notice until such notice is complied with.”

25-5-4 DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE BUILDING DEFINED. All buildings or structures which have any or all of the following defects shall be deemed “dangerous and unsafe buildings”.

(A) Those whose interior walls or other vertical structural members list, lean or buckle to such an extent that a plumb line passing through the center of gravity falls outside of the middle third of its base.

(B) Those which, exclusive of the foundation, show **thirty-one percent (31%)** or more of damage or deterioration of the supporting member or members, or **fifty percent (50%)** of damage or deterioration of the non-supporting enclosing or outside walls or covering.

(C) Those which have improperly distributed loads upon the floors or roofs or in which the same are overloaded, or which have insufficient strength to be reasonably safe for the purpose used.

(D) Those which have been damaged by fire, wind, or other causes so as to have become dangerous to life, safety, morals, or the general health and welfare of the occupants or the people of the City.

(E) Those which have become or are so dilapidated, decayed, unsafe, unsanitary or which so utterly fail to provide the amenities essential to decent living that they are unfit for human habitation or are likely to cause sickness or disease, so as to cause injury to the health, morals, safety or general welfare of those living therein.

(F) Those having light, air, and sanitation facilities which are inadequate to protect the health, morals, safety, or general welfare of human beings who live or may live therein.

(G) Those having inadequate facilities for egress in case of fire or panic or those having insufficient stairways, elevators, fire escapes, or other means of communication.

(H) Those which have parts thereof which are so attached that they may fall and injure members of the public or property.

(I) Those which, because of their condition, are unsafe, unsanitary, or dangerous to the health, morals, safety or general welfare of the people of this City.

(J) Those buildings existing in violation of any provision of the Building Code of this City, or any provision of the Fire Prevention Code, or any other ordinances of the City.

(K) Those vacant buildings with unguarded openings shall be deemed to constitute a fire hazard and to be unsafe within the provisions of this Code.

(L) Those buildings which are uncompleted or abandoned.

25-5-5 STANDARDS FOR REPAIR, VACATION OR DEMOLITION. The following standards shall be followed in substance by the Building Inspector in ordering repair, vacation, or demolition:

(A) If the “dangerous and unsafe building” is in such condition as to make it dangerous to the health, morals, safety, or general welfare of its occupants, it shall be ordered to be vacated.

(B) If the “dangerous and unsafe building” can reasonably be repaired so that it will no longer exist in violation of the terms of this Code, it shall be ordered repaired.

(C) In any case where a “dangerous and unsafe building” is **fifty percent (50%)** damaged or decayed, or deteriorated from its original value or structure, it shall be demolished, and in all cases where a building cannot be repaired so that it will no longer exist in violation of the terms of this Code, it shall be demolished. In all cases where a “dangerous and unsafe building” is a fire hazard existing or erected in violation of the terms of this Code, or any ordinance of the City, or statute of the State of Illinois, it shall be demolished. (See “Non-Conforming Uses” of the Zoning Code)

25-5-6 DANGEROUS AND UNSAFE BUILDINGS - NUISANCES. All dangerous and unsafe buildings within the terms of this Article are hereby declared to be public nuisances and shall be repaired, vacated, or demolished as hereinbefore or hereinafter provided.

25-5-7 **DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY.** The City Attorney shall apply to the Circuit Court for an order authorizing the demolition, repair, or vacation of dangerous and unsafe buildings or uncompleted or abandoned buildings when notices have not been complied with and when requested to do so by the Building Inspector. Upon request by the Building Inspector, the City Attorney may apply to the Circuit Court for an order authorizing an administrative warrant to be issued providing for an inspection of the premises by the Building Inspector and/or designated individuals for the purpose of ascertaining its condition as it relates to the within this Article. Such a warrant shall be issued where the Building Inspector has reasonable grounds to believe that there is an unsafe condition at the property threatening the safety of the public.

25-5-8 **LIENS.** The cost of repair, demolition, vacation, or enclosure shall be recoverable from the owner or owners of such real estate and shall be a lien thereon, which lien shall be superior to all prior existing liens and encumbrances except taxes; provided that within **one hundred eighty (180) days** after said cost and expense is incurred, the City or person performing the service by authority of the City, in his or its own names, shall file notices of lien in the office of the County Recorder of Deeds. The notice shall consist of a sworn statement setting out:

- (A) A description of the real estate sufficient for identification therefor;
- (B) The amount of money representing the cost and expense incurred or payable for the service; and
- (C) The date or dates when said cost and expense by the owner of or persons interested in said property after notice of lien has been filed, the lien shall be released by the City or person in whose name(s) the lien has been filed and said release may be filed of record as in the case of filing notice of lien. The lien may be enforced by proceedings to foreclose as in the case of mortgages or mechanics of lien. Suit to foreclose this lien shall be commenced within **three (3) years** after the date of filing notice of lien.

(See 65 ILCS 5/11-31-1)

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

ARTICLE VI - INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE

25-6-1 **DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this Code, the following term(s) shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

“INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES” shall mean any motor vehicle (including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, buses, campers, boats, go-karts, etc.) which, for a period of at least **ten (10) days**, the engine, wheels or other parts have been removed, or on which the engine, wheels or other parts have been altered, damaged or otherwise so treated that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power. “Inoperable Motor Vehicle” shall not include a motor vehicle which has been rendered temporarily incapable of being driven under its own motor power in order to perform ordinary service or repair operations.

- (A) All vehicles of the first and second division will maintain current registration with the Secretary of State if parked within City limits. All vehicles that do not display current registration will be deemed a nuisance.
- (B) Exemptions to registration – licensed auto dealers, tow companies and auto repair facilities.

25-6-2 **DECLARATION OF NUISANCE.** All inoperable motor vehicles, whether on public or private property in view of the general public, are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

25-6-3 **NOTICE TO OWNER.** The Police Chief or a designated representative shall notify the owner of the motor vehicle, informing him that he shall dispose of any inoperable vehicles under his control. If the owner fails to dispose of said inoperable vehicle(s) after **seven (7) days** from the issuance of the notice, the Police Chief or a designated representative may authorize a towing service to remove and take possession of the inoperable vehicle or parts thereof.

25-6-4 **EXCLUSIONS.** Nothing in this Article shall apply to any motor vehicle that is kept within a building when not in use, to operable historic vehicles over **twenty-five (25) years** of age, or to a motor vehicle on the premises of a licensed business engaged in the wrecking or junking of motor vehicles.

25-6-5 **WRECKED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES.** Wrecked or abandoned vehicles will not be kept by a tow company after a **six (6) month** period, they will be disposed of, and the owner will be held accountable for the nuisance. Wrecked or abandoned vehicles stored/kept by a towing company in the City must be stored behind/within a **six (6) foot** solid fence so as not to be visible to the public.

25-6-6 **ABATEMENT PROCESS.** A “First Letter of Notice” will be issued for nuisance violations as prescribed by and in accordance with this Article. If the documented violation(s) is/are not remedied in the time specified in the “First Letter of Notice” a “Second Letter of Notice” will be issued to the owner and/or the fine is not paid within **two (2) weeks** of the Second Notice Date a ticket will be issued with additional fines of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)** per violation and owner and/or occupant will be given a date to appear in court.

To protect the integrity of the nuisance violation ordinance process and procedure all correspondence concerning nuisance violations must go through the Police Department and/or by contacting the City attorney.

(See 65 ILCS 5/11-40-3)

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

(See Article VII in Chapter 24)

ARTICLE VII – NUISANCE BY GO-KARTS AND DIRT-BIKES

- 25-7-1** **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Article:
- (A) The term “person” shall mean an individual, an association, a partnership, a corporation.
 - (B) The term “go-kart” shall mean any unlicensed vehicle with **three (3)** or more wheels powered by one or more two- or four-cycle internal combustion engine(s), or alternatively powered by electrical motors, excluding tractors, agricultural machinery and vehicles used for the care and maintenance of property.
 - (C) The term “dirt-bike” shall mean any unlicensed two wheeled bicycle and/or motorcycle powered by one or more two- or four-cycle internal combustion engine(s) or alternately powered by electrical motors.
 - (D) The term “muffler” shall mean a device consisting of more than one chamber or more than three baffle plates or the equivalent for the purpose of receiving exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine and effective in reducing noise. As used herein, a muffler shall not include any device meeting the preceding specifications which is equipped with a cut-out, by-pass or similar device.

25-7-2 APPLICATION. This Article shall apply to the operation of go-karts on all lands, public or private, within the City, except upon a public highway.

25-7-3 PROHIBITION OF GO-KARTS AND DIRT-BIKES. The operation of go-karts and/or dirt-bikes located within the boundaries of the City of Gibson City, Illinois, is hereby prohibited.

(A) The foregoing prohibition shall not preclude the starting and stopping of engines equipped with a muffler of go-karts and dirt-bikes for purposes of maintenance and repair by occupants so long as such activity is for personal and not commercial use and so long as such activity does not disturb the tranquility and peace of properties adjacent to and near the activity. Operation and use of a go-kart and/or dirt-bike shall not qualify as maintenance and repair as defined under this subparagraph (B).

(B) The operation of motorcycles on residential property located within the boundaries of the City of Gibson City, Illinois is hereby prohibited except that this prohibition shall not preclude the starting and stopping of engines equipped with a muffler of motorcycles for purposes of maintenance and repair by occupants so long as such activity is for personal and not commercial use and so long as such activity does not disturb the tranquility and peace of properties adjacent to and near the activity.

(See Article X – Chapter 24)

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

ARTICLE VIII – PUBLIC CAMPING

25-8-1 PUBLIC CAMPING AS A NUISANCE. Public Camping as the term is defined herein, is hereby declared to be a nuisance within the City.

25-8-2 REGULATION OF PUBLIC CAMPING NECESSARY TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH. In an effort to address the public health concerns identified above, the City hereby declares it necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of diseases to regulate Public Camping, as that term is defined herein, within the City’s corporate limits.

25-8-3 PUBLIC CAMPING NOT INTENDED USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY. Except for those parcels of property specifically designated by the City in any subsequent ordinance, the City hereby declares that none of its property is permitted nor intended to be used for Public Camping, as the term is defined herein.

25-8-4 DEFINITIONS. The following definitions apply to this Section:

(A) **“Bedding”** means a sleeping bag, or any other material, used for bedding purposes.

(B) **“Campsite”** means any physical space that is not within an established structure, where Bedding or any stove or fire is placed, established or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to live, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof.

(C) **“Exempt Personal Property”** means items which would otherwise constitute Personal Property under the terms of this Section, but which (1) has no apparent utility or monetary value; (2) Personal Property which is unsanitary to store or otherwise maintain; (3) any weapon possessed illegally; (4) drug paraphernalia; (5) items appearing to be

stolen or otherwise appearing to be evidence of a crime; (6) items which the person cannot demonstrate the requisite lawful authority to possess; and (7) any items of food which can reasonably be expected to spoil or otherwise perish within the next **thirty (30) days**.

(D) **“Personal Property”** means any item reasonably recognizable as belonging to a person and having apparent utility or monetary value, except for Exempt Personal Property.

(E) **“Public Camping”** means to cause or participate in the establishment of, or the act of remaining in or at, a Campsite.

25-8-5 PUBLIC CAMPING PROHIBITED.

(A) No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, on a public sidewalk, street, alley, lane, other public right-of-way, park, bench, or any other publicly owned property, nor on or under any bridge or viaduct, at any time.

(B) No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, in any pedestrian or vehicular entrance to public or private property abutting a public right-of-way.

(C) No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, on any real property owned or otherwise maintained by the City.

(D) No person may park a vehicle overnight within the City for the purpose of sleeping or otherwise engaging in Public Camping in said vehicle.

(E) For the purposes of this Section, the act of parking or leaving a vehicle parked for **two (2) consecutive hours**, and/or remaining within a public vehicle on any property under the jurisdiction of the City for the purpose of Public Camping, for **two (2) consecutive hours** without permission from the City Council, between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m., shall be considered a violation of this Section.

25-8-6 EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall not be a violation to engage in Public Camping when done (1) in a manner specifically authorized by this Code; (2) after a formal declaration of the City in emergency circumstances; or, (3) upon resolution of the City Council, the same may exempt a special event from the prohibitions of this Section, if the City Council finds such exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of the City Council, and with such conditions imposed as the City Council deems necessary. Any conditions imposed will include a condition requiring that the applicant provide evidence of adequate insurance coverage and agree to indemnify the City for any liability, damage or expense incurred by the City as a result of the activities of the applicant. Any findings by the City Council shall specify the exact dates and location covered by the exemption.

25-8-7 REMOVAL OF CAMPSITE. Removal of a Campsite in violation of this Section may occur under the following circumstances:

(A) Prior to removing a Campsite, the city shall post a notice **twenty-four (24) hours** in advance of the removal, unless immediate removal of the Campsite is deemed to be necessary for one of the reasons in subparagraphs (a) – (d) below. If such immediate removal is undertaken, the basis for causing the immediate removal of such Campsite should be adequately documented by the appropriate person(s).

- (1) Immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary to maintain access to a property;
- (2) Immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary to maintain the sanitary condition of a property;
- (3) Immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary because the Campsite is an obstruction to any public right-of-way; or,
- (4) Immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary because the Campsite poses a risk to the health and safety of the City and its residents.

(B) Upon any action pursuant to subsection (G)(1) above, the person causing such action to be taken shall inform an appropriate agency delivering social services to homeless individuals in the City, of the location of the Campsite and the persons found to be in violation of this Section, so said agency may determine whether or not it would be appropriate to offer its services to those persons.

(C) If a **twenty-four (24) hour** notice has been posted, and the **twenty-four (24) hour** notice period has passed, then the Campsite, as well as all Personal Property thereon, shall be removed by the appropriate person(s) acting on behalf of the City.

(D) No portion of this Section shall be construed to prohibit any person found to be engaging in Public Camping from removing their Personal Property from the Campsite; however, such Personal Property that constitutes Exempt Personal Property and which a reasonably prudent law enforcement officer, exercising the applicable constitutional standard, would conclude that said Exempt Personal Property constitutes items appearing to be stolen or otherwise appearing to be evidence of a crime, and/or items which the person cannot demonstrate the requisite lawful authority to possess, may be retained and stored as evidence.

25-8-8 DISPOSITION AND RELEASE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

(A) All Personal Property removed from any Campsite which is not Exempt Personal Property shall be stored by the appropriate law enforcement agency of the City, for a minimum of **thirty (30) days**, during which time it shall be reasonably available for and released to an individual confirming ownership.

(B) All Exempt Personal Property may be disposed of or retained as evidence by the appropriate law enforcement agency of the City.

25-8-9 PENALTY; MITIGATION.

(A) The penalty for any person's first violation of this Section within a rolling **twenty-four (24) month** period shall be **Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00)**.

(B) The penalty for any person's second violation of this Section within a rolling **twenty-four (24) month** period shall be **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)**.

(C) The penalty for any person's third violation of this Section within a rolling **twenty-four (24) month** period shall be **Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00)**.

(D) The penalty for any person's fourth violation of this Section within a rolling **twenty-four (24) month** period shall be **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)**.

(E) The penalty for any person's fifth violation of this Section within a rolling **twenty-four (24) month** period shall be **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)**.

(F) The penalty for any person's sixth or subsequent violation of this Section within a rolling **twenty-four (24) month** period may be a monetary penalty of **Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00)** or incarceration for a period not exceeding the maximum time allowed pursuant to Section 1-2-9 of the Illinois Municipal Code (**65 ILCS 5/1-2-9**).

(G) As a substitute for any monetary penalty assessed pursuant to subparagraphs (1) through (6) above, and if consented to by the City, the penalty assessed to any person found in violation of this Section may be that said person must engage in public service by cleaning the rights-of-way and other public facilities of the City for an amount of time that, if the person found to have violated this Section was being paid the minimum wage under Illinois law, the amount paid for that person's labors would have been equal to the monetary penalty assessed under this Section.

(H) The City is hereby empowered to exercise all powers afforded to it, at law or in equity, to collect any fines assessed against a person pursuant to this Section, including but not limited to seeking incarceration of said person for a period of time that conforms with Section 1-2-9 of the Illinois Municipal Code (**65 ILCS 5/1-2-9**).

(I) In the imposition of any penalty pursuant to this Section, the penalty shall be mitigated by whether or not the person immediately removed all Personal Property and litter, including but not limited to bottles, cans, and garbage, from the Campsite after the person was informed that the person was in violation of this Section.

(J) A separate offense of this Section shall be deemed committed on each day on which a violation occurs or continues.

(K) In addition to any other remedy provided by law or this Section, any person found in violation of this Section may be immediately removed from the premises where the Campsite is located.

25-8-10 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. All ordinances, resolutions and policies or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Section and the Ordinance implementing this Section are, to the extent of the conflict, expressly repealed on the effective date of the Ordinance implementing this Section.

ARTICLE IX - FINES

25-9-1 VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE AN OFFENSE; PENALTIES THEREFOR.

(A) Any person who commits any act in violation of any provision of this Chapter shall be deemed to have committed an offense against this Chapter and shall be liable for the penalties herein imposed for such violation. Each act committed in violation of any provision of this Chapter shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) For every violation of any provision of this Chapter, the person violating the same shall be subject to fines as follows:

- (1) **Article III – “Garbage & Debris”.** One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per violation so long as such violation is remediated and said fine is paid within **seven (7) days** of service of notice. Failure to timely complete both shall result in a fine of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)**.
- (2) **Article V – “Building as Nuisance”.** One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per violation so long as such violation is remediated and said fine is paid within **sixty (60) days** of service of notice. Failure to timely complete both shall result in a fine of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)**.
- (3) **Article VI – “Inoperable Motor Vehicle”.** One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per violation so long as such violation is remediated and said fine is paid within **ten (10) days** of service of notice. Failure to timely complete both shall result in a fine of **Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00)**.
- (4) All other violations of all other Articles shall incur a fine of **Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00)** if remediated and paid within the prescribed notice period with said fine to increase to **Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00)** if said matter has not been timely remediated or said fine has not been timely paid.

In addition to the above provided penalties and punishment, the City may also maintain an action or proceeding in the name of the City in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or to restrain by injunction the violation of such ordinance.

(Ord. No. 2024-0-18; 12-09-24)

CITY OF GIBSON CITY

FIRST LETTER OF NOTICE

NUISANCE ORDINANCE VIOLATION(S)

FIRST NOTICE DATE: _____

OWNER: _____

OCCUPANT: _____

You are hereby notified that the City of Gibson City has determined that the property located at _____, located in the corporate limits of this City of Gibson City contains the following nuisance ordinance(s) violation(s) as defined in **Chapter 25** of the Revised Code of Ordinances. City ordinances can be found at www.gibsoncityillinois.com.

Article I – “Generally”. Nuisances to be against the health, peace and comfort of the City such as, but not limited to filth, offensive materials, noxious odors, burning of any material except leaves and wood, debris, litter, rodents, feral animals, junk, discarded machinery, encroachment on City property, etc. (**Sections 25-1-1 through 25-1-5**) The owner and/or occupants is required to abate all violations within **thirty (30) days** from the date of this notice or be fined **\$100.00** per violation. Description of violation(s): _____

Article III – “Garbage and Debris”. Accumulated garbage, trash, or debris. The owner and/or occupant is required to remove all garbage, trash or debris violations within **seven (7) days** from the date of this notice or be fined **\$100.00** per violation. Description of violation(s): _____

Article V – “Building as Nuisance”. Dangerous and/or unsafe buildings caused by fire, abandonment, weather, neglect, etc. (**Sections 25-5-1 through 25-5-8**) The owner is required to remedy, repair or demolish the unsafe building within **sixty (60) days** from the date of this notice or be fined **\$100.00** per violation. Description of violation(s): _____

Article VI – “Inoperable Motor Vehicle”. Any motorized vehicle including, but not limited to, cars, trucks, golf carts, motorcycles, etc. must have current registration, a current license plate, liability insurance and be operable. (**Sections 25-6-1 through 25-6-5**) The owner shall remove vehicle or make vehicle operable including up-to-date registration, license plate and liability insurance within **ten (10) days** from the date of this notice or be fined **\$100.00** per violation. Description of violation(s): _____

[NOTE: If above documented violation(s) are not remedied in the time specified above a second notice will be issued to the owner and/or occupant with assessed fine(s) of **\$100.00** per violation. If the violation is not corrected and/or the fine is not paid within **two (2) weeks** of the “Second Letter of Notice” a ticket will be issued with an additional fine of **\$300.00** per violation and owner and/or occupant will be given a date to appear in court.]

To protect the integrity of the nuisance violation ordinance process and procedure all correspondence concerning nuisance violations must go through the GCPD at 217/784-8666 or by contacting the City attorney (Contact information for the City attorney can be obtained from the GCPD).

Signed: _____ Title _____ Date: _____

CITY OF GIBSON CITY

SECOND LETTER OF NOTICE

NUISANCE ORDINANCE VIOLATION(S)

SECOND NOTICE DATE: _____

OWNER: _____

OCCUPANT: _____

Violation(s) and the time allowed to remedy the same violation(s) has expired as defined in **Chapter 25** of the Revised Code of Ordinances and as documented in the "First Letter of Notice" for the above referenced owner and/or occupant.

The fine amount of **\$100.00** per violation, total amount of \$_____ has been assessed and is payable to the City and must be received within **two (2) weeks** from the "Second Notice Date" listed above. All fines must be payable to the "City of Gibson City" and received by City Hall located at 101 E. 8th St., Gibson City, IL 60936 and are due within **two (2) weeks** from the "Second Notice Date." Please allow **five (5) days** if mailing check or money order. Do not mail cash. Fines may also be paid in person to the address above **Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M.**

NOTE:

If above documented violation(s) are not remedied and/or fines are not paid within **two (2) weeks** of the "Second Notice Date" a ticket will be issued to the owner and/or occupant with assessed fine(s) of **\$300.00** per violation and owner and/or occupant will be given a date to appear in court.

To protect the integrity of the nuisance violation ordinance process and procedure all correspondence concerning nuisance violations must go through the GCPD at 217/784-8666 or by contacting the City attorney (Contact information for the City attorney can be obtained from the GCPD).

Signed: _____ Title _____ Date: _____