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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes Orleans Parish to enact ordinances relative to the growth of weeds, grass, and other deleterious matter.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of Orleans Parish to enact ordinances regulating or prohibiting the growth or accumulation of grass, noxious weeds, or other deleterious matter on property within the parish. Prohibits the parish governing authority from undertaking the cutting, destruction, or removal of grass, weeds and other deleterious matter unless the owner has failed to do the work himself within five days after notice has been given to him by advertisement in the official journal of the parish or by registered or certified mail. Authorizes the parish governing authority to charge the costs of such work to the property owner.

Proposed law authorizes the parish governing authority to undertake the cutting, destruction, or removal of the deleterious matter if the property owner has been notified pursuant to proposed law at any time during the immediately preceding 24 months.

Proposed law requires the parish to furnish the owner with an invoice for the cost of the work performed. Authorizes the parish, if the cost is not paid within one month, to furnish the owner, by registered or certified mail or by domiciliary or personal service, a written statement showing the outstanding cost. Provides that if the statement is not paid within one month thereafter, the amount shall be included in the property owner's taxes.

(Adds R.S. 33:5062.2)