
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits persons and proprietary parties in certain municipalities from maintaining or permitting deleterious growths and noxious matters on properties located within the municipalities.

Proposed law provides that it shall be unlawful for any person or proprietary party in any municipality with a population of not less than 300,000 persons to maintain, permit, or allow on any premises, within 150 feet of an existing building, the growth of grass or weeds or other deleterious growths to exceed a height of eight inches. Proposed law additionally provides that it is unlawful for any person or proprietary party to maintain, permit, or allow the storing or abandoning of trash, debris, junk, wrecked, or used automobiles or other discarded items, on any vacant lot or any portion of any occupied lot, neutral ground, or sidewalk, within the municipalities.

Proposed law provides that persons or proprietary parties who violate the provisions of proposed law may be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 per violation or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, within the discretion of the trier of fact. Proposed law additionally provides that such persons or proprietary parties may be enjoined and the issuance of an injunction may be petitioned for by the following:

- (1) The municipality or any proper officer thereof or his duly authorized representative.
- (2) Any adjacent or neighboring property owner who is especially damaged by such violation.
- (3) Any ten residents of the election precinct wherein the violation exists.

Proposed law provides that a violation of an injunction constitutes a contempt of court and any person found guilty of contempt shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, or by imprisonment for a period of not less than 24 hours nor more than 30 days or both fine and imprisonment.

(Adds R.S. 33:4770.21)