

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PREMISES TO BE KEPT FREE FROM WEEDS, GRASS, GARBAGE, RUBBAGE AND OTHER UNSIGHTLY AND UNSANITARY ARTICLES AND REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNERS TO ELIMINATE SAME AND PRESCRIBING A PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SUCH CASES, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOSNELL, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. All property owners within the City of Gosnell, Arkansas, are hereby required to cut weeds, grass, remove garbage, rubbish and other unsanitary and unsightly articles and things from their property, ~~and to eliminate, fill up, or remove stagnant pools of water or any other unsanitary things, place or condition which might become a breeding place for mosquitoes, flies and germs harmful to the health of the community.~~ A.B. W.C.M.

SECTION 2. If the owner or owners of any lot or other real property within the City of Gosnell, after the giving of twenty (20) days notice in writing by the City's authorized representatives, shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties in connection with his or their property as specified in Section 1 hereof, the City or its authorized representative is hereby authorized to enter upon the property and have said weeds, rank grass or other vegetation cut and removed or eliminate any unsanitary and unsightly condition, and the cost thereof shall be charged against said premises and shall constitute a lien thereon.

SECTION 3. In case the owner of any lot or other real property is unknown or his whereabouts is not known or is a non-resident of this state, then a copy of the written notice hereinabove referred to shall be posted upon the premises and before any action to enforce such lien shall be had, the City Recorder shall make an affidavit setting out the facts as to unknown address or whereabouts of nonresidents, and thereupon service of publication as now provided for by law against non-resident defendant may be had and an attorney ad litem shall be appointed to notify the defendant by registered letter addressed to his last known place of residence if same can be found.

SECTION 4. The lien herein provided for may be enforced at any time within 18 months after work has been done by an action in the Chancery Court.

SECTION 5. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. It has been determined that this Ordinance is necessary and is vital to the health, welfare and safety of the public, therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this 10 day of October 1972.

Andy S. Bevil  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Walter C. Maxwell  
RECORDER