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# CITY OF PALMETTO CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

#### CITY OF PALMETTO

A political subdivision of the State of Florida

Petitioner,

 $\mathbf{v}\mathbf{s}$ 

Stacey E. Stinton Niel L. Stinton 1315 6<sup>th</sup> Street West Palmetto, Florida 34221

Respondent.

# **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Address of Violation: 1315 6th Street West Palmetto, Florida 34221

Pursuant to Chapter 162, Florida Statutes, and City of Palmetto Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, you are hereby called upon to take notice that a Public Hearing will be conducted before the City of Palmetto Code Enforcement Board (CEB) on the 26th day of April, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, which is located at 516 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, Florida. The purpose of the hearing is to determine whether the City of Palmetto Code of Ordinances is being violated as set forth in the Notice of Violation dated March 4, 2011 and previously provided to you by Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested on March 4, 2011. A copy of the Notice of Violation is attached to this Notice of Hearing as Exhibit A. The CEB will receive testimony and evidence at said Public Hearing and shall make such findings of fact and conclusions of law as are supported by the testimony and

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evidence pertaining to the matters alleged in the attached Notice of Violation. If you are found to be in violation, a fine may be assessed against you, as provided by law. The purpose of the hearing shall be to conduct proceedings regarding the attached Notice of Violation attached hereto as Exhibit A.

If you desire to appeal any decision of the CEB with respect to any matter considered at this Public Hearing, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings and for that purpose, you need to insure that a verbatim record is made which includes the testimony, and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. The hearing may be continued from time to time as deemed warranted and appropriate by the CEB. This case may be presented to the CEB even if the violation or repeat violation has been corrected prior to the hearing.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AND FLORIDA STATE STATUTES, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD CLERK FOR ASSISTANCE AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT (941) 723-4570.

### PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

**DATED**: April 7, 2011

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF PALMETTO, FLORIDA

Deanna Roberts Clerk of the Board

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Notice of Hearing has been furnished by Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested and by Regular Mail to the Respondent this 7th day of April, 2011.

Clerk of the Board

cc: Mark Barnebey, City Attorney

David P. Persson, Code Enforcement Board Attorney

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#### Chapter 16

#### **HEALTH AND SANITATION\***

Art. I. In General, §§ 16-1—16-25 Art. II. Nuisances, §§ 16-26—16-45 Div. 1. Generally, §§ 16-26, 16-27 Div. 2. Sanitary Nuisances, § 16-28

Div. 3. Nuisance Abatement Procedures, §§ 16-29—16-45

Art. III. Control of Stormwater Discharge, §§ 16-46-16-48

#### ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

#### Sec. 16-1. Reserved.

**Editor's note**—Formerly, § 16-1 adopted F.S. Ch. 381 as the sanitary code of the city. Inasmuch as reference to such statute is obsolete, the section has been deleted at the request of the city.

Secs. 16-2—16-25. Reserved.

#### ARTICLE II. NUISANCES†

#### DIVISION 1. GENERALLY



## Sec. 16-26. Definition, enumeration of unlawful conditions or acts.

Every condition, substance or activity within the city which exists or occurs in such manner and to such extent as to threaten or endanger the public health, safety or welfare, or adversely affect and impair the economic welfare of adjacent property, is hereby declared to be a

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<sup>\*</sup>Cross references—Administration, Ch. 2; code enforcement, § 2-81 et seq.; animals, Ch. 6; sanitation regulations for lots, stables, etc., where any livestock or fowl are kept, § 6-29; buildings and building regulations, Ch. 7; coastal areas and waterways, Ch. 10; garbage, trash and refuse, Ch. 15; housing, Ch. 17; junked, wrecked, abandoned property, Ch. 18; mobile homes, Ch. 21; streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. 25; utilities, Ch. 29.

State law references—Nuisances injurious to health, F.S. Ch. 386; mosquito control, F.S. Ch. 388.

<sup>†</sup>Editor's note—Ord. No. 05-843, §§ 2, 3, adopted April 4, 2005, repealed article II, §§ 16-26—16-31, in its entirety and replaced it with a new article II, §§ 16-26—16-33. Former article II pertained to hazardous conditions on land and derived from the Code of 1975, §§ 13-27—13-32; and Ord. No. 659, § 1, adopted Nov. 1, 1999.

Cross references—Housing, Ch. 17; junked, wrecked, abandoned property, Ch. 18; licenses and business regulations, Ch. 19; mobile homes, Ch. 21; planning and development, Ch. 23; streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. 25; subdivisions, Ch. 26.

nuisance. Without in any way limiting the foregoing definition, the following conditions, substances and activities are hereby specifically declared to be a nuisance within the intent and meaning of this section:

- (1) Low places upon any lot, tract or parcel of land, improved or unimproved, within one hundred (100) feet of the boundary line of any improved property within the city to the extent and in the manner that such lot, tract or parcel of land is or may reasonably become a breeding place for mosquitoes, or may reasonably cause disease, or otherwise threatens or endangers the public health, safety or welfare, or is likely to adversely affect and impair the economic welfare of adjacent property.
- (2) The accumulation or maintenance of trash, filth, rubbish, garbage, dead animals or fish, improperly treated sewage or other materials in such manner and to the extent as to cause infestation by rodents and other wild animals, the breeding of mosquitoes and vermin, or that threatens or endangers the public health, safety or welfare, or is likely to adversely affect and impair the economic welfare of adjacent property.
- (3) The existence of excessive accumulation or untended growth of weeds, undergrowth or other dead or living plant life upon any body of water, lot, tract or parcel of land, improved or unimproved, within one hundred (100) feet of the boundary line of any improved property within the city to the extent and in the manner that such lot, tract or parcel of land is or may reasonably become infested or inhabited by rodents, vermin or wild animals, or may furnish a breeding place for mosquitoes, or threatens or endangers the public health, safety or welfare, or may reasonably cause disease, or is likely to adversely affect and impair the economic welfare of adjacent property.
- (4) Partition fences, buildings or other structures which have fallen into such a poor state of repair to the extent and in the manner that they may reasonably become infested or inhabited by rodents, vermin or wild animals, or may threaten or endanger the public health, safety or welfare, or is likely to adversely affect and impair the economic welfare of adjacent property.
- (5) The unauthorized accumulation or maintenance of lumber, stone, concrete, sand or any other building or construction material on a lot, tract or parcel when construction activity is not actively taking place on the property, in such manner and to the extent as to threaten or endanger the public health, safety or welfare.
- (6) Landscaping or other obstacles located in or protruding into a public right of way so as to create a traffic or pedestrian hazard, or otherwise threaten or endanger the public health, safety and welfare.
- (7) Any foul, offensive or unlawful emissions, odors or stenches and the causes thereof which threatens or endangers the public health, safety and welfare, or which is likely to adversely affect and impair the economic welfare of adjacent properties.
- (8) The pollution of any well, water body or drainage system by sewage, dead animals, industrial waste, debris or any other substance so as to threaten or endanger the public health, safety and welfare.

## JUNKED, WRECKED, ABANDONED PROPERTY\*

## Sec. 18-1. Definitions.

As used in this chapter.

Abandoned motor vehicle or vessel: A motor vehicle or vessel in a wrecked, inoperative or partially dismantled condition and which has an identifiable owner and has been disposed of on either public or private property within the city, or which has no identifiable owner and has been disposed of on private property within the city. Specifically excluded from this definition is a motor vehicle or vessel that has no identifiable owner or owners and has been disposed of on public property in a wrecked, inoperative or partially dismantled condition, as such property is governed under Chapter 705, Florida Statutes. Further, the absence of a license plate for the current year or the absence of a current motor vehicle or vessel registration shall be prima facie evidence that such vehicle or vessel is abandoned. The presence of a current license plate or registration shall not, in and of itself, exempt any motor vehicle or vessel from this definition or the provisions of this chapter:

Abandoned property. All tangible personal property, except a motor vehicle or vessel, that is in a wrecked, inoperative or partially dismantled condition and which has an identifiable owner and has been disposed of on public or private property within the city, or which has no identifiable owner and has been disposed of on private property within the city. Specifically excluded from this definition is tangible personal property that has no identifiable owner and has been disposed of on public property in a wrecked, inoperative or partially dismantled condition, which property is governed under Chapter 705, Florida Statutes.

Motor vehicle: An automobile, motorcycle, truck, trailer, semitrailer, truck tractor and semitrailer combination, or any other vehicle operated on the roads of this state used to transport persons or property and propelled by power other than muscular power.

\*Editor's note—Section 1 of Ord. No. 423, adopted Nov. 5, 1990, deleted §§ 18-1—18-5 and 18-26—18-31, which were the substantive provisions of Ch. 18, derived from Code 1975, §§ 14-17—14-21 and 14-33—14-38, and contained general provisions relative to junked, wrecked and abandoned property and also provisions pertaining to abandoned vehicles. In addition, §§ 2—7 enacted provisions which have been included herein as §§ 18-1—18-6 at the editor's discretion.

Cross references—Code enforcement, § 2-81 et seq.; buildings and building regulations, Ch. 7; coastal areas and waterways, Ch. 10; fire prevention and protection, Ch. 13; garbage, trash and refuse, Ch. 15; health and sanitation, Ch. 16; procedure for abatement of nuisances involving excessive growth of weeds or other noxious plants, accumulations of trash, fill and other matter, excavations or depressions in which pools of water are located, § 16-26 et seq.; housing, Ch. 17; licenses and business regulations, Ch. 19; mobile homes, Ch. 21; planning and development, Ch. 23; sales, Ch. 24; streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. 25; subdivisions, Ch. 26; traffic and vehicles, Ch. 28.

State law references—Pawnbrokers, F.S. §§ 516.01, 519.09, 680.14, 715.04; precious metal dealers, F.S. § 538.01 et seq.; seized abandoned, wrecked or derelict property, F.S. Ch. 705; reporting of unclaimed motor vehicles, F.S. § 715.05.

Officer: A Palmetto Police Officer or an employee of the city whose duty it is to monitor code compliance or enforce codes and ordinances of the city, but who does not have the authority to bear arms or make arrests.

Private property: Land and improvements under private ownership located within the city, and specifically excludes public property as defined hereunder.

Public property: Land and improvements owned by the federal government, state, and county or the city, and includes sovereignty submerged lands located adjacent thereto, plus state, county or municipal buildings, grounds, parks, playgrounds, streets, sidewalks, parkways, rights-of-way and other similar property located within the city.

Seller: The City of Palmetto, with regard to abandoned property, or the commercial towing and storage service having possession of an abandoned motor vehicle or vessel, with regard to such vehicle or vessel.

Vessel is synonymous with boat as referenced in section 1(b), article VII of the State Constitution and includes every description of watercraft, barge and airboat used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. (Ord. No. 423, § 2, 11-5-90)

# Sec. 18-2. Tangible personal property disposed of on public property declared nuisance; disposal.

All tangible personal property not having an identifiable owner and which has been disposed of on public property in a wrecked, inoperative or partially dismantled condition, or which has no apparent intrinsic value to the rightful owner, is declared to be a nuisance and shall be disposed of in the manner set forth in chapter 705, Florida Statutes. (Ord. No. 423, § 3, 11-5-90)

# Sec. 18-3. Abandoned personal property, motor vehicles and vessels declared nuisances; disposal.

All abandoned property as well as abandoned motor vehicles and vessels are hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be disposed of in the manner set forth herein. (Ord. No. 423, § 4, 11-5-90)

#### Sec. 18-4. Notice.

(a) Whenever an officer discovers abandoned property or an abandoned motor vehicle or vessel, the officer shall cause a notice to be placed upon such article in substantially the following form:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE OWNER OF AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ATTACHED PROPERTY. This property, to wit: (setting forth brief description) is unlawfully upon this property known as (setting forth brief description of location) and must be removed to a location outside the city or into an enclosed building within five (5) days; otherwise it shall be deemed abandoned property and be removed and disposed of

Office, business or professional: An establishment offering services or knowledge to the business community or to individuals. Such activities would include, by way of illustration, accounting, brokerage, insurance, physician, lawyer, dentist, architect and psychologist.

Open space: Any parcel or area of land or water essentially unimproved and set aside, dedicated, designated or reserved for public or private use or enjoyment, or for the use and enjoyment of owners and occupants of land adjoining or neighboring such open space.

Open space, common: Land within or related to a development, not individually owned or dedicated for public use, which is designed and intended for the common use or enjoyment of the residents of the development and may include such complementary structures and improvements as are necessary and appropriate.

Open storage: The storage outside of a building, or within buildings with less than three (3) sides, of materials; supplies; merchandise; equipment; commercial, recreational, or domestic vehicles, boats and like items, but excluding junk.

Parking, accessory: Any garage, carport, or surface level lot designed to accommodate the parking of motor vehicles on the same lot as the principal use.

Parking, off-street: Space located outside of any street right-of-way or easement and designed to accommodate the parking of domestic vehicles.

Parking, principal: Any garage or surface level lot used as the principal use of the property, whether it operates for commercial or private purposes.

Personal services: An establishment that primarily provides services generally involving the care of a person or a person's apparel, including, but not limited to, barbershops, beauty salons, seamstress shops, shoe repair and shining shops, dry-cleaning and laundry pickup facilities, coin-operated laundry and dry-cleaning facilities and small dry cleaners.

Place of assembly: A place designed to accommodate the assembly of persons attending athletic events, musical performances, dramatic or dance performances, speeches or ceremonies, and other such entertainment events, and including, but not limited to, coliseums, athletic centers, concert halls, and auditoriums.

Planned development: Land under unified control to be planned and developed as a whole in a single development operation or a definitely programmed series of development operations or phases. A planned development includes principal and accessory structures and uses substantially related to the character and purposes of the planned development. A planned development is built according to general and detailed plans which include not only streets, utilities, lots and building location, and the like, but also site plans for all buildings, as they are intended to be located, constructed, used, and related to each other, uses and improvements on the land as related to the buildings. A planned development includes a program for the provisions, operations, and maintenance of such areas, facilities, and improvements as will be for common use by some or all of the occupants of the planned development district, but which will not be provided, operated, or maintained at general public expense.

- (iv) Where a commercial vehicle is parked on public or private property whereon construction is underway, for which a current and valid building permit is properly displayed on the premises;
- (v) Where a commercial vehicle is parked in a residential district for the purpose of making a delivery or service call, provided that such parking is actually in the course of business deliveries or servicing as the case may be;
- (vi) Where an emergency vehicle is parked in a residential district, provided that the time parked is actually necessary for the emergency; or where an emergency vehicle is driven by a resident of the city and parked on that resident's private property; or
- (vii) Where a commercial vehicle becomes disabled and, as a result of such disablement is required to be parked within a residential district; however, any such vehicle shall be removed from the residential district within twenty-four (24) hours from the time it became disabled.

(Ord. No. 05-862, § 3, 8-29-05)

## Sec. 6.6. Screening of open storage.

Open storage areas shall be screened from view of any street and from all residentially zoned land as follows:

- (a) When an open storage area abuts a collector or arterial street, the method of screening shall consist of solid masonry walls or solid wooden fences at least six (6) feet in height with access from said street only through solid gates which shall be closed except when in use. Screening shall run at least one hundred (100) feet back from the street property line unless an existing permanent structure shields the storage area.
- (b) When an open storage area abuts a residentially zoned district, the method of screening shall consist of solid wooden fences or masonry walls at least six (6) feet in height along the boundary of the storage areas and the residential district.
- (c) When an open storage area does not abut a collector or arterial street and is not within two hundred (200) feet of a residential district but is in view of a residential district, the method of screening from said residential district shall consist of walls or fences at least six (6) feet in height which shall be seventy-five (75) percent opaque.

#### Sec. 6.7. Swimming pools.

Swimming pools, both aboveground and belowground, are permitted accessory structures to residential or nonresidential structures, provided that the following requirements are met. Similar structures such as spas shall also meet these requirements.

(a) Location: Swimming pools may be located within side, rear, or corner yards but shall not be allowed in the required front yards. Swimming pools shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from any side, rear, or corner lot line as measured from the water's edge. Locational criteria are subject to the variance provisions of section 13.3 and section 13.6, appendix B, of this Code.