

BILL # 25-9

ORDINANCE # _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE 220.020 BY ADDING A CITATION FOR NUISANCE TO INCLUDE A PUNISHMENT PURSANT TO 100.020 AND ALLOWING ALL CITY OF PIERCE CITY POLICE OFFICERS TO ISSUE CITATIONS FOR NUISANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen for the City of Pierce City, Missouri wish to amend code 220.020, Debris On Property-Effect of Failure to Remove Nuisance-Penalties.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN FO THE CITY OF PIERCE CITY, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: This ordinance amends code 220.020.

Section Two: The new Code 220.020 shall read as follows:

A. Any lot or land shall be a public nuisance if it has the presence of debris of any kind including, but not limited to;

1. Weed cuttings, cut and fallen trees and shrubs, overgrown vegetation and noxious weeds or high grass which are seven (7) inches or more in height
2. rubbish shall include damaged, discarded, junked, obsolete, salvaged, scrapped, unusable, worn out or wrecked object
3. trash, lumber not piled or stacked seven (7) inches off the ground, rocks, or bricks, tin, steel, parts of derelict cars or trucks,
4. broken furniture, appliances shop machinery, any flammable material which may endanger public safety or any material which is unhealthy.
5. Other waste materials in a haphazard, careless, and unsightly manner on any premises in the City

B. When a public nuisance as described exists ,any commissioned Pierce City Police Officer, Mayor or Mayor's designee shall so declare and give written notice to the owner or person in possession of the property by personal service, certified mail, if otherwise unsuccessful, by publication, or any commissioned Pierce City Police Officer may write a citation after notice. Such notice shall, at a minimum.

1. Declare that a public nuisance exists;
2. Describe the condition which constitute such nuisance;
3. Order the removal or abatement of such condition within seven (7) days from the dated of service such notice;

4. Inform the owner or person in possession of the property that he or she may file a written request for a hearing on the question of whether a nuisance exists upon such property.
5. In addition to or in the alternative to any administrative hearing, if the owner or person in possession of the property fails to remove the nuisance within the time allowed, the city may issue a citation with punishment as set forth in Code 100.220.
6. A new citation for nuisance may be issued every day until the nuisance is abated by the owner or person in possession of the property.

Section Three: This ordinance supersedes and revokes any provisions of past ordinance(s) inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance.

Section Four: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its passage and approval.

Section Five: Said approval being effective the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Todd Killingsworth, Mayor

Julie Johnson, City Clerk