

Nuisance Ordinance

Town of Cameron, NC

Rationale and Authority

Nuisance Ordinances exist to address the concerns of our residents regarding the image, appearance, health, safety and welfare of the town and its environs. Abatement will be pursued using a variety of means in a judicious, fair and equitable application of all local codes and ordinances.

NCGS 160A-193 states “a city shall have authority to summarily remove, abate, or remedy everything in the city limits, or within one mile thereof, that is dangerous or prejudicial to the public health or public safety. The expense of the action shall be paid by the person in default, and if not paid, shall be a lien upon the land or premises where the trouble arose, and shall be collected as unpaid taxes.”

I. General Nuisance

Section 1: Unlawful Junk Storage

A) The existence of any junked, inoperative or abandoned ice box, freezer, refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items or appliances, in an area which is visible from any public street or highway, or from the premises of any adjoining property owner is declared to be dangerous and prejudicial to the public health and safety.

B) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, store or knowingly permit the keeping or storing of, on any property in the town, owned by or under the control of the person, any junked, inoperative or abandoned ice box, freezer, refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, glass, building material, building rubbish or similar items or appliances, in an area which is visible from any public street or highway, or from the premises of any adjoining property owner.

Section 2: Deemed unlawful

It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of land in the Town of Cameron, including the Town's extraterritorial jurisdiction, to permit to exist on any such lot or parcel of land any condition which may be declared to be noxious, detrimental to health or to constitute a nuisance.

Section 3: Enumeration

The following enumerated and described conditions are hereby found, deemed and declared to constitute a detriment, danger and hazard to the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Cameron and its extraterritorial jurisdiction, excluding any area zoned RA (Ag), and are found, deemed, and declared to be public nuisances wherever the same may exist and the creation, maintenance, or failure to abate such nuisances is hereby declared unlawful.

1. Any condition which is a breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes or a breeding ground or harbor for rats or other pests.
2. Any place of weeds, grass or other ground cover over eight (8) inches in height that is within two hundred (200) feet of the property line of an inhabited residence or business firm.
3. An open place of collection of water where insects tend to breed.
4. An open place of concentration of combustible items such as mattresses, boxes, paper, automobile tires and tubes, garbage, trash, refuse, brush, old clothes, rags, or any other combustible materials or objects of a like nature.
5. An open place of collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste or any other rotten or putrescible matter of any kind.