

Human Resources, Legal and Police (HRLP) Committee met on Monday, May 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to review and/or consider revisions to several of the town's nuisance ordinances.

Present were: Johnson, Clay, Adams, Mayor Poindexter, and Attorney Eller.

Through detailed and lengthy discussion, the committee agreed to the following list of ordinance amendments, to be drafted by Attorney Eller and presented to the full council for consideration during its next meeting.

Sec. 10-1. Definitions:

Attorney Eller advised that he had removed any suggestive or vague language to make it clearer. "Noxious Weeds" definition was taken directly from the code of Virginia. Paragraph H was added to have a definition of "overgrown vegetation."

Sec. 10-2. Enumeration:

Paragraphs A and C are where the addition of the definitions of "overgrown vegetation" will fall into place and have clearer language.

Paragraph E will be removed, as noises are covered in Sec. 8-79.

All agreed there must be some framework of describing "Junk" and "Trash."

Paragraph J will include an exception for seasonal burning of leaves and brush.

Sec. 10-15. Allowing filth, etc., to accumulate upon premises:

Paragraph A – remove the words "Rubbish" and "Trash," as they are a repeat of words that are already listed.

Sec. 10-17. Condition of Premises (Weed Ordinance):

Paragraph D – add "persons receiving notice of violation have five (5) days, weather permitting, to cut or remove grass/weeds."

Paragraph H – change wording to read "Mayor or designee" shall send by certified mail a bill for charges incurred in weed/grass removal if not done within the time allowed.

Paragraph I – fine changed to a civil penalty of \$50 for violation of this ordinance.

Sec. 10-18.1 Removal, repair, etc. of buildings and other structures:

This is a new ordinance and carries a civil penalty of \$100 for the first violation and \$150 for each succeeding violation, with a total not to exceed \$1,000 for the same occurrence.

Sec. 10-18-2. Derelict buildings: procedure, real estate tax abatement:

Remove this ordinance section completely.

Sec. 10-20. Solid waste disposal procedure:

Remove line six (6) in its entirety.

Line nine (9) – remove the line "Except as provided in subsection six (6) above."

Line eleven (11) item G – fine for violation changed to \$25 civil penalty

Sec. 8-43. Junk automobiles:

Paragraph A – changed to allow any person to keep only one (1) inoperable motor vehicle outside a fully enclosed building or structure, and that to shielded or screened from view by covers.

Paragraph D – fine for violation changed to civil penalty of \$100 for the first offense and \$200 for each succeeding offense.

Sec. 4-121.3. Criteria for minor home occupations:

All agreed the guidelines for a minor home occupation must be enforced.

Line six (6): “no more than one vehicle with the business name on it may be parked so as to be visible from the street or from adjoining property” – (add a period here and remove the rest of the sentence).

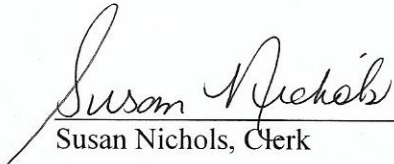
Paragraph B, line 40 – remove “classes of not more than four (4) students.”

Sec. 8-79. Noises in the town:

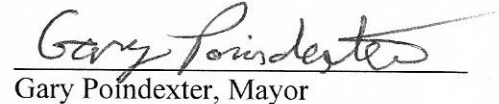
All times in this ordinance are to be changed from between “11 p.m. and 7 a.m.” to “10 p.m. and 7 a.m.”

Paragraph C – fine for violation changed to a civil penalty of \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for each succeeding offense.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Susan Nichols, Clerk



Gary Poindexter, Mayor