

## ORDINANCE NO. 581

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8-2, NUISANCES OF THE CITY OF GARRETSON, MINNEHAHA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GARRETSON, MINNEHAHA COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 8-2, Nuisances, of the Garretson Municipal Ordinances is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 8-2 – NUISANCES

8-2-1 Definitions. For the purpose of this Chapter, the following terms are hereby defined.

- A. “Garbage” – The animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and serving of foods.
- B. “Solid Waste” – Any garbage, refuse, sludge from a waste treatment plant, water supply treatment plant or air pollution control facility and other discarded materials, including solid, liquid, semisolid or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, commercial and agricultural operations, and from community activities...including, but not limited to wood and other construction materials, appliances, yard waste, tires, scrap iron, chemicals or fuel. (SDCL 34A-6-1.2)
- C. “Wastewater” – The spent water of a community. From the standpoint of source it may be a combination of the liquid and water-carried wastes from residences, commercial buildings, industrial plants and institutions, together with any groundwater, surface water and storm water that may be present.
- D. “Abandoned property” – Any junk car, car bodies or equipment of any type, except in an authorized junk yard, or any accumulations of other unsightly trash or junk which would constitute a health hazard, a rodent harborage, a breeding area for insects or rodents, a dangerous place for children to play in and around or which tends to be unsightly and which does or tends to lower the value of adjacent real property because of its unsightliness.
- E. “Abandonment of Vehicles” - No person shall abandon any vehicle within the City for such time and under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned.
- F. “Inoperable vehicle” – Any vehicle which is not in operating condition due to damage, removal or inoperability of one or more tires and wheels, the engine or other essential parts required for the operation of the vehicle, or which does not have lawfully affixed thereto unexpired license plates, or which constitutes an immediate health, safety, fire or traffic hazard.
- G. “Nuisance” – Unlawfully doing an act, or omitting to perform a duty, which act or omission: (1) annoys, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, or safety of

others; (2) in any way renders other persons insecure in life, or in the use of property; (3) renders the ground, the water, the air, or food a hazard or any injury to human health; and in addition (4) the specific acts, conditions and things listed in Section 8-2-2 are hereby declared to constitute public nuisances, but such acts, conditions and things shall not be deemed to be exclusive. (SDCL 21-10-1)

- H. "Private property" – Any real property within the City that is privately owned and which is not public property.
- I. "Public property" – Any street, alley or highway which shall include the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained for the purposes of vehicular travel, and also means any other publicly owned property or facility.
- J. "Removal agency" – Any public body, private or nonprofit organization authorized, hired or appointed by the City to remove and salvage vehicles.
- K. "Unsightly trash or junk" – Property which is deteriorated, wrecked or derelict property in unusable condition, having no value other than nominal scrap or junk value, if any, and which is left outside of a permanent, enclosed structure and which shall include, without limitation, motors, lawn mowers, campers, refrigerators and other household appliances, furniture, household goods and furnishings, scrap metals or lumber or other similar articles in such condition.
- L. "Vehicle" – Any conveyance, whether or not self-propelled, and which is designed to travel along the ground or in or on the water and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, buses, motorbikes motorcycles, motor scooters, trucks, tractors, pull trailers, go-karts, golf cars, boats, jet skis, campers and trailers.

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Acts, Omissions and Conditions Prohibited. No person, whether an owner, occupant, tenant or other person in charge of any real property within the corporate limits of the City shall create, commit, maintain, or permit to be created, committed, or maintained, any public nuisance, to include, without limitation, the following specific acts, conditions and things, each and all of which are hereby declared to constitute a nuisance: (SDCL 9-32-1)

- A. Depositing, accumulating, or permitting to be accumulated upon any public or private property, any household wastewater, sewage, garbage, refuse, rubbish, offal, excrement, decaying fruit, vegetables, fish, meat, bones; any fowl, putrid, or obnoxious liquid substance; any chemical or hazardous material; or putrescible and nonputrescible animal or vegetable wastes or solid wastes, or any other waste material which constitutes or tends to create a danger to public health, safety, and welfare. (SDCL 9-32-10, SDCL 34A-7-9)
- B. The accumulation of manure, garbage, or anything whatsoever which may be breeding areas for flies, mosquitoes, or rodents. (SDCL 9-32-10)
- C. The growth of weeds or plants declared to be primary or secondary noxious weeds by the state weed and pest control commission, all weeds declared to be locally noxious by the City Council, and all other weeds and grasses growing upon any real property in the City to a height greater than 8 inches, or which have gone or are about to go to seed, or

the dense growth of brush or grasses which may constitute a health, safety or fire hazard, shall be deemed noxious, dangerous and unhealthful vegetation and are hereby declared to be a nuisance. Fallen tree limbs, diseased or dead trees, and dead tree limbs shall also be declared dangerous and a nuisance; provided, however, that vegetation that is not a primary or secondary noxious weed and is being grown as hay for livestock consumption, as a native prairie display garden, or as a wildflower display garden, or other nature areas, so long as the same are approved to be used as such by the City Council, shall not constitute a nuisance. (SDCL 9-32-12)

- D. For the owner of a dead animal to permit it to remain undisposed of longer than twenty-four (24) hours after its death. (SDCL 9-29-13)
- E. Any excavation, trench, or open basement in which stagnant water is permitted to collect or which may jeopardize the life, limb, or safety of the general public. (SDCL 9-29-13)
- F. Throwing or letting fall on or permitting to remain on any street, alley, or public ground any manure, garbage, rubbish, filth, fuel or wood while engaged in handling or removing any such substance. (SDCL 9-32-10)
- G. Keeping or maintaining any building or enclosure where livestock or fowl are kept unless a special permit is requested and such is approved by the City Council. (SDCL 9-29-13)
- H. Disposing of garbage, waste, or refuse by open burning, or causing, allowing, or permitting the conducting of a salvage operation by open burning in the City. The following types of open burning shall be permissible for a specific purpose when conducted in conformity with the subsections set forth below:
  - 1. Fires set for the elimination of a fire hazard, which cannot be abated by any other means when authorized by the Fire Chief of the City Volunteer Fire Department.
  - 2. Fires purposely set by the city maintenance personnel for the purposes as authorized by the Fire Chief of the City Volunteer Fire Department.
  - 3. Fires purposely set by the City Volunteer Fire Department personnel and authorized by the Fire Chief for the purpose of training and conducted in accordance with live fire-training standards.
  - 4. Campfires and other fires used solely for recreational purposes, for ceremonial occasions, and for outdoor preparation of foods.
- I. Maintaining, or causing or permitting the same, any building or premises which is determined to be dangerous or dilapidated. Any building or structure which has any or all of the conditions or defects hereinafter described shall be deemed to be a dangerous or dilapidated building, if such conditions or defects thereby annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of others or, if such conditions or defects exist to the extent that the life, health, property, value of property or safety of the public or its occupants are jeopardized.

1. Whenever any building or structure is (i) vacant and unoccupied for the purpose for which it was erected and; (ii) the building is unfit for occupancy as it fails to meet minimum housing standards and; (iii) the building has remained substantially in such condition for a period in excess of six months.
  2. Whenever any building or structure through lack of maintenance or attention and by virtue of its physical appearance and presence thereby depresses the market value of surrounding properties.
- J. Maintaining or permitting to be maintained on any private or public property any abandoned property or unsightly trash or junk, abandoned vehicle, or inoperable vehicle or parts thereof. It shall be unlawful to keep or place any of such vehicles or vehicle parts:
1. Upon public streets or property except on an emergency basis.
  2. Upon the private property of any person owning, in charge of, or in control of any real property within the City, whether as an owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, for longer than 14 days unless it is within a fully enclosed building or structure. A carport, tarpaulin, tent or other similar temporary structure shall not be deemed to satisfy the requirements of this section.

In no event shall an inoperable vehicle that constitutes an imminent health, safety or fire hazard be kept or located on any real property.

- K. The requirements of paragraph J shall not apply to the following:
1. One inoperable vehicle kept on private property without being shielded from public view if licensed and kept on a private driveway. If this inoperable vehicle is in a state of externally visible disrepair or disassembly, it shall not be kept on the private driveway longer than 14 days.
  2. Filling stations, automobile repair shops or any other motor vehicle related businesses in compliance with applicable City ordinances may place inoperable vehicles being repaired or offered for sale on the premises.
  3. Junkyards operated and maintained in compliance with applicable City ordinances.
  4. One vehicle specifically designed and used for operation on drag strips or raceways that remains on private property.
  5. Any vehicle in an appropriate storage place or depository maintained in a lawful place and manner by the City or authorized by the City.

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Diseased Vegetation. Any owner, occupant, or person in charge of any property under the jurisdiction of the City shall remove at his own expense any trees, brush, wood, or debris infected with Dutch Elm disease or other infestations or infectious disease found thereon when so notified by the City to do so. The City Council shall cause to be mailed to such owner, occupant, or person, written notice that they may appear before the said City Council at an appointed time not less than fourteen (14) days from the date of mailing of

said written notice to show cause why said trees, brush, wood, or debris should not be declared a public nuisance.

At said meeting the City Council may resolve and declare the same to be a public nuisance and may order its removal by said owner, occupant, or person within twenty-one (21) days from the date of service of said resolution and order on said owner, occupant, or person.

Any diseased vegetation stored in the City shall be debarked or covered with four (4) to six (6) mil clear plastic from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>, such plastic to be sealed by placing all edges in a three to four-inch trench covered with soil. In addition, any diseased vegetation which is removed and not stored in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be properly disposed of by burning or burying in a designated disposal site. (SDCL 9-32-12)

8-2-4 Littering in Public Places. No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk, or other public place within the City except in authorized public or private receptacles. The following further identifies acts and conditions that constitute nuisances and are therefore prohibited:

A. No person shall sweep into or deposit in any gutters, streets, or other public place within the City, the accumulation of litter from any building or lot or from any public or private sidewalk or driveway. Persons owning or occupying property or places of business shall keep the sidewalk in front of such premises free of litter.

For purposes of this Ordinance, a public nuisance shall also include snow and ice when deposited or allowed to accumulate in conflict with the provisions of this Section.

B. No persons, while a driver or passenger in a vehicle, shall throw or deposit litter upon any street or other public place or upon private property within the City.

No person shall drive or move any truck or other vehicle within the City unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any load, contents, or litter from being blown or deposited upon any street, alley, or public place.

C. No person shall throw or deposit litter on any occupied, open, or vacant private property within the City, whether owned by such person or not, except that the owner or person in control of private property may maintain authorized private receptacles for collection in such a manner that litter will be prevented from being deposited upon any streets, sidewalk, or other public place or upon any private property.

8-2-5 Removal of Abandoned or Inoperable Vehicles – Public Property. Whenever the City or any law enforcement officer for the City finds an abandoned or inoperable vehicle on public property within the City, a written notice shall be placed on the vehicle that it will be removed to a garage or place of safety unless the owner removes the vehicle from public property within 24 hours of the giving of the notice. After the expiration of the 24-hour period, the vehicle may be removed by a removal agency to a garage or place of safety. Nothing in this section precludes the City or any law enforcement officer for the City from immediately removing a vehicle that constitutes an imminent health, safety or fire hazard.

- 8-2-6 Disposition of Unclaimed Vehicles. The removal agency shall have the rights and obligations conferred upon it by SDCL Chp. 32-36 in regard to titling or disposition of such unclaimed, abandoned or inoperable vehicle, except that, if not otherwise provided by state law, it shall have a possessory lien upon any vehicle removed under provisions for this article for the costs or reasonable charges in taking custody of and storing such vehicles.
- 8-2-7 Duty of Private Property Owners. No person owning, in charge of or in control of any real property within the City, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee or otherwise, shall allow any abandoned or inoperable vehicle of any kind to remain on such property longer than 14 days.
- 8-2-8 Notice Procedure. A written notice shall be placed on the abandoned or inoperable vehicle by the City or by any law enforcement officer for the City requesting the removal of such motor vehicle in the time specified in this Ordinance. Written notice shall also be placed on the front door of any dwelling located on the private property requesting the removal of such motor vehicle in the time specified in this article. In the event the owner and the occupant or tenant of the real property are not the same person, written notice shall be given to the owner by certified mail requesting the removal of such motor vehicle in the time specified in this Ordinance. In the event the private property is not occupied, written notice shall be given to the owner by certified mail requesting the removal of such motor vehicle in the time specified in this Ordinance.
- 8-2-9 Responsibility for Removal. Upon notice having been given, the owner of the abandoned or inoperable vehicle and the owner or occupant of the private property on which the vehicle is located, either or all of them, shall be responsible for its removal.
- 8-2-10 Content of Notice. The notice in Section 8-2-8 shall request removal of the abandoned or inoperable vehicle within 14 days after the date of the posting or mailing of such notice, and the notice shall advise that failure to comply with the notice to remove shall be a violation of this Ordinance, that the City may take steps to abate the same, and that in addition to abatement directly or by civil action, the City may pursue criminal fines and penalties against the owner, occupant, tenant or other person in charge of the real property as provided in this Ordinance.
- 8-2-11 Public and Private Nuisance Defined. A public nuisance is one that affects at the same time an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon the individuals may be unequal. Every other nuisance is private. (SDCL 21-10-3)
- 8-2-12 Remedies Against Nuisances. The remedies against any nuisance shall be: (1) A civil action; (2) Abatement; and (3) In cases of public nuisance only, the additional remedy of indictment or information as prescribed by the Ordinance or by the South Dakota Codified Laws, and the rules relating thereto. (SDCL 21-10-5)
- 8-2-13 Abatement. A public nuisance may be abated without civil action by the City Council or by any officer authorized thereto by law. Any private person may likewise abate a public nuisance which is especially injurious to him or her, or any private nuisance injurious to him or her in a manner by removing, or, if necessary, destroying that which constitutes the nuisance, without committing a breach of the peace or doing unnecessary injury. If a

private nuisance results from a mere omission of the wrongdoer, and cannot be abated without entering upon his or her land, reasonable notice shall be given to him before entering to abate it. The City may defray the cost of abating a public nuisance by taxing the cost thereof by special assessment against the real property on which the nuisance occurred. When the nuisance abated is an unsafe or dilapidated building, junk, trash, debris or similar nuisance arising from the condition of the property, the City may commence a civil action against the owner of the real property for its costs of abatement in lieu of taxing the cost by special assessment. (SDCL 21-10-6)

8-2-14 Public Nuisance Penalty and Remedy. Any person who creates, commits, maintains or fails to abate a public nuisance as required under the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a maximum penalty of thirty (30) days in jail or a two hundred dollar (\$200.00) fine, or both. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition, the City may also use the remedies of civil action and abatement as set forth in SDCL 21-10-5 through 21-10-9.

Adopted this 9th day of April 2007.

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Signed: Gloria Sanders  
Mayor, City of Garretson

ATTEST:

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Finance Officer, City of Garretson

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