

File No. 19948

Baltimore, February 21, 1916.

Hon. S. S. Field,
City Solicitor.

Dear Sir:

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In reply to the letter dated February 18th from Dr. Howard, Assistant Commissioner of Health, I beg to advise you as follows:

It appears from his communication that certain vacant lots are in an unsanitary condition having been used as a dump for ashes and garbage.

Dr. Howard wishes to know if his Department may compel the owner of the lots to place a fence around the same.

I do not find any law which would allow him to pass such an order, but the Health Department has the power to compel the owner of these lots to remove all garbage and ashes from the same, and upon his failure to do so, proceed against him for maintaining a nuisance, and the Department may also remove the nuisance, itself, and charge the owner with the cost of doing so and collect the same from him.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Alexander Preston,
Deputy City Solicitor.

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