

10-8.1.

(A) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ENACT ORDINANCES THAT REQUIRE THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY TO MEET STANDARDS ENUMERATED IN THE ORDINANCES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY.

(B) IF ENACTED, THE ORDINANCES SHALL SET THE STANDARDS FOR:

(1) THE HEIGHT OF GRASS, WEEDS, AND SIMILAR VEGETATION; ~~AND~~

(2) THE REMOVAL OF OLD BUILDINGS AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES; AND

(3) THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED OR IRREPARABLE MOTOR VEHICLES, APPLICANCES, FURNITURE, TIRES, AND OTHER SIMILAR TRASH.

(C) (1) IF THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY FAILS TO MAINTAIN THAT PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS SET IN THE ORDINANCE, THE COUNTY MAY UNDERTAKE THE WORK ITSELF AND ASSESS THE OWNER FOR THE COST OF THE WORK.

(2) BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY WORK UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY SHALL GIVE THE PROPERTY OWNER:

(I) BY REGULAR MAIL OR PERSONAL SERVICE, WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND

(II) AT LEAST 15 DAYS TO BRING THE PROPERTY INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE, OR PRESENT JUST CAUSE TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WHY SUCH COMPLIANCE CANNOT BE MET.

(3) THE COST OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE COUNTY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:

(I) BECOME A LIEN ON THE REAL PROPERTY; AND

(II) BE CONSIDERED AND COLLECTED IN THE SAME WAY AS ARE THE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAXES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1990.

Approved April 24, 1990.