

Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Riverdale", said new section to be known as Section 1163 (b) and to follow immediately after Section 1163 (a), as enacted by Chapter 511 of the Acts of 1945, to empower the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale whenever the owner or person in charge of any unimproved lot or vacant premises shall fail, after written notice, to remove any menace to the public health or safety arising from the growth of weeds, the accumulation of refuse, the presence of stagnant water or combustible material, to enter upon the premises by its officers and agents and cause such menace to be abated; to require notice of the reasonable costs incurred to be delivered or mailed to the person in charge of the property and to the person in whose name the property is assessed for taxation and if such costs be not paid within sixty days to authorize the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale to recover the costs by civil action, or after written notice, published advertisement, and hearing to assess the costs and advertising expense as a special tax against the property; to provide for the collection of the special tax and to declare such special tax assessment a lien against the property from the date of assessment until paid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1943 Edition), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", sub-title "Riverdale", said new section to be known as Section 1163 (b), to follow immediately after Section 1163 (a), as enacted by Chapter 511 of the Acts of 1945, and to read as follows:

*1163 (b). The Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale shall have power, whenever the owner, or person in charge of any unimproved lot or vacant premises shall fail, after written notice, to remove any menace to the public health or safety arising from the growth of weeds, the accumulation of refuse, the presence of stagnant water or of combustible material, to enter upon the premises by its officers and agents and cause such menace to be abated. Notice of the reasonable costs incurred by the town shall be delivered or mailed to the person in charge of the property and to the person in whose name the property is assessed for taxation. If the costs shall not be paid within sixty days from*