

charge of any ~~unimproved~~ lot or ~~vacant~~ premises fails within thirty days after notice to remove any menace to public health, welfare or safety arising from the growth of weeds, accumulation of garbage, trash, or refuse, the presence of stagnant waste, or of combustible material. Removal may be effected by county employees or by contract with independent contractors. The notice may be given by the County Commissioners, the Division of Waste Disposal, or the Department of Health. It may be given by posting the premises or mailing a copy by registered mail to the last known address of the person in whose name the property is assessed for taxation.

The cost and expense of abating the nuisance shall be certified by the County Commissioners or the Division of Waste Disposal to the Treasurer of Harford County, together with the name or names of the property owner, and whatever charges shall constitute a lien upon the real estate and collectible in the same manner as real property taxes with the same priority, interest and penalties.

(c) To achieve the objectives of this section, the Commissioners are authorized to adopt a resolution or ordinance to implement a systematic plan for the collection and disposal of waste material, with appropriate penalties, and to enforce its provisions.

(d) The County Commissioners are authorized to enter into agreements and contracts with any incorporated municipality for the purpose of developing and implementing a plan for the systematic collection and disposal of litter, refuse or other solid waste.

(e) The County Commissioners, in the furtherance of the provisions of this section, may make appropriations for land acquisition, capital improvements, and operating costs, from funds raised by real property taxes levied on assessable property located outside of the incorporated municipalities of Harford County, or borrow funds for land acquisition and capital improvements and issue notes, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness and make such appropriate levies as may be required to meet these obligations.

(f) The provisions of this section shall be construed as additional and supplemental provisions to any existing laws providing for the collection and disposal of refuse, garbage, rubbish or other matter.

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The County Commissioners are hereby authorized to enact ordinances to prevent nuisance conditions on private property by the collection of refuse, litter, trash, weeds, building materials, debris, abandoned objects, junk, collections of equipment, autos, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, cans, boxes, containers or other waste material in a manner detrimental to public health, safety, morals and welfare or which causes substantial diminution of property values in the neighborhood and are further authorized to protect the public view generally from visual pollution by screening or other appropriate requirements and to enforce the ordinances by injunction or criminal penalties.

474.

(a) The Director of Public Works, under the supervision of the County Commissioners, is charged with the following duties and powers: