

(4) If an owner of residential property OR IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY loses an appeal under Paragraph (1) or (2) of this subsection, the owner shall comply with the terms of the order within 14 days of the final appeal decision.  
85-6.

A. If an owner of [residential] property affected by an order under § 85-3 of this chapter does not comply with the terms of the order within the time periods provided under § 85-5 of this chapter, immediately thereafter the County Commissioners or their designee may direct the appropriate department:

(1) To cut or pay for the cutting of the grass, noxious weeds, vegetable growth, briars, brush or plants covered by the order; or

(2) To remove or pay for the removal of the other conditions or accumulations covered by the order.

B. The owner of [residential] property AFFECTED BY AN ORDER UNDER § 85-3 OF THIS CHAPTER is responsible for any costs incurred by the department under Subsection A of this section.

C. (1) If the county pays for or takes care of the cutting or removal under Subsection A of this section, the county shall send the owner of the [residential] property a bill for the actual cost for the cutting or removal.

(2) If the owner of the [residential] property does not pay for the cost of the cutting or removal under Paragraph (1) of this subsection within 60 days of receiving the bill:

(a) The cost of the cutting or removal shall constitute a lien on the property; and

(b) The County Treasurer shall charge the owner of the [residential] property with the cost of the cutting or removal, plus interest at the rate of 10 percent per year from the date of the cutting or removal, on the next regular property tax bill sent to the owner.

(3) The owner of the [residential] property shall pay the charges under Paragraph (2) of this subsection at the same time required for payment of property taxes in the county.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any action for a public nuisance in Charles County before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.