

ORDINANCE NO. 32

AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING GARBAGE, REFUSE, BLIGHT, LITTER AND OTHER NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF PLATO AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

The City Council of the City of Plato ordains:

Section 1. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively described to them by this section:

- a. Garbage - All waste, animal or vegetable, such as but not limited to waste material and refuse from kitchens, residences, grocery stores, butcher shops, cafes, hotels, rooming houses, boarding houses, and all other deleterious substances.
- b. Refuse - Waste, rubbish, garbage, trash or other material of any kind that has been discarded, rejected, cast aside or thrown away and is worthless, except body waste.
- c. Trash - Rubbish such as feathers, coffee grounds, ashes, tin cans, paper, boxes, glass, wood, shrubs, yard clippings, leaves, trees, trimmings, plastics, rubber, tires and other similar matter.
- d. Prohibited Vegetation - Any of the following shall be considered prohibited vegetation: Any vegetation below the height of 8' which extends into the vertical plane of any street, alley, sidewalk or walkway; any yard grass of a height which exceeds 4" from ground level; any noxious leaves which are defined by state statute; any vegetation whatsoever which permits the harboring of rodents or vermin or otherwise permits the collection of stagnant ground waters, or the accumulation of rubbish or trash.
- e. Litter - Any paper, wrapper, food container, hand bill or other material whether or not included in the foregoing definitions.
- f. Prohibited Odors - Any odor originating from the accumulation of human or animal waste, composed piles or exposed cesspools or septic tanks, exposed chemicals or any other unpleasant, harmful or unhealthy odor or gas originating from any material or condition.
- g. Junk - Any abandoned, discarded or unused objects or equipment such as automobiles, furniture, stoves or refrigerators, freezers, cans or containers.
- h. Person - Person shall include any firm, corporation or other entity whatsoever and shall include any owner, occupier, lessee, lessor or other possessor of any premises, including any user of any public place or facility.

Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow the accumulation upon any private or public premises of the following items: Garbage, trash, refuse, litter or junk.

Section 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any unlawful vegetation to accumulate, grow or exist upon any private premises in the City of Plato.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any condition to exist which allows the emanation of any prohibited odor from any private premises in the City of Plato.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit the accumulation of any junk upon any premises in the City of Plato. Any old unused stripped, junked or other automobiles not in good and safe operating condition and any other vehicles, machinery, implement or equipment and personal property which is no longer safe or usable for the purpose it was manufactured, is hereby expressly included within this prohibition. In no case shall any junk be deposited, left, abandoned or stored on any street, alley or public place whatsoever. Any junk which is being retained for the purpose of salvage or repair may be maintained on a private premises, provided it is enclosed within a building or other shelter and that the conditions therein are not conducive to harboring rodents, insects or other vermin or promoting any other unsanitary or unhealthy condition.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit or throw any litter upon any premises, public or private in the City of Plato. All litter shall be deposited in waste receptacles and waste barrels provided in public places and in public parks.

Section 7. All refuse, garbage, trash and waste whatsoever shall be disposed of promptly in a sanitary method. The transportation of any such items from the City of Plato shall be accomplished by the use of vehicles or conveyances which will not permit the same to fall or be blown from the vehicle upon the public streets or other private or public premises. Any vehicle transporting any such items within the City of Plato shall immediately remove and clean up any such items which may fall or be blown from the vehicles transporting the same.

Section 8. Any violation of this ordinance shall be considered a misdemeanor.

Section 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted by the City of Plato, Minnesota, January 7, 1985

Approved: Tim Pinske, Mayor

Attest: Kathleen Stuedemann, Clerk

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