

QUESTION #9

Is there anything I can do about the trash around my neighbor's house?

ANSWER:

Yes. On March 27, 1978, the Versailles Village Council passed Ordinance No. 78-20. This ordinance determines what are nuisances and provides for the abolishment of the same. The ordinance reads as follows:

SECTION ONE: That all brush, rubbish, litter, or waste products or materials, accumulating or lying upon any premises within the Village, and all weeds growing wild or uncultivated upon any premises which may cause noxious odors, or which may spread to other premises, or which may be detrimental to the welfare of the Village and its inhabitants, and which may be offensive or injurious, are hereby determined and declared to be a nuisance.

SECTION TWO: No person shall, within the limits of the Village of Versailles, maintain any building, structure, or place for the exercise of trade, employment, or business, or for the keeping or feeding of any animal, which by causing noxious odors or smells, becomes injurious to the health and comfort or property of individuals or the public; nor shall any company, corporation, or persons owning or occupying any premises within the limits of the Village, throw or deposit, burn or permit to be thrown, deposited, or burned, any trash, rubbish, or refuse of any kind or any other offensive substance which may become a nuisance, upon or in any place within the Village, therefore rendering the same injurious, filthy, or offensive.

SECTION THREE: That the nuisance shall exist when there is caused or suffered any placing, throwing, or sweeping into any street, alley, park, or public ground or lot of land, any dirt, paper, nails, pieces of glass or board, fruit parings or skins, garbage, waste, leaves or clippings, ashes, cans, bottles, cartons, boxes, furniture, oil, parts of automobiles, or any other matter of an unsightly or unsanitary nature, or there is caused or suffered any placing, throwing of such matter upon any sidewalk or street crossing, on any driveway, upon the floor, stairway, or hallway of any public building, lot of land; or

There is caused or suffered any accumulation of any paper, fruit parings or skins, garbage, waste, ashes, cartons, boxes, or any other matter of an unsightly or unsanitary nature in such manner could be blown unto any street, avenue, alley, park, public ground, sidewalk, or lot of land; or a person, firm, or corporation keeps, stores, places, or allows to remain, unlicensed motor vehicles, motor vehicles in an unoperative condition, motor vehicles unfit for further use, or automobile motor vehicle parts any parcel of land, street, or alley within the corporate limits of the Village of Versailles.

SECTION FOUR: Whenever a complaint is made to the Mayor, or any duly elected or appointed official of the Village of Versailles, Ohio, of the existence of a nuisance, as defined in this ordinance, Section Three, the Mayor shall promptly inspect, or cause to be inspected, the place or premises which it is alleged such nuisance exists. Should the Mayor, or Chief of Police, whom the Mayor may delegate to do the inspection, find that a nuisance does exist, he shall promptly notify the Chief of Police, and the Chief of Police shall then promptly deliver written notice setting forth the nuisance to the owner of the premises, person, firm, or corporation; giving said person five (5) days or fourteen (14) days in the case of motor vehicles, in which to correct the condition, a copy of said notice shall be left with the person in charge or possession of the premises, if appropriate.

SECTION FIVE: Any person, firm, or corporation who, being unable to do so, shall neglect or refuse to obey an order issued by the Chief of Police in regard to this ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$250.00 for each offense. Each and every day after the time specified in any notice provided for herein that such nuisance shall be permitted to exist, shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense hereunder. Failure by the person, firm, or corporation to correct the nuisance within the time specified shall result in abatement by the Village; the cost of which shall be charged to the person, firm, or corporation, with such costs to be collected by civil suit.