

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PREMISES TO BE KEPT FREE FROM WEEDS, RANK GRASS, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND OTHER UNSIGHTLY AND UNSANITARY ARTICLES; REQUIRING PROPERTY OWNERS TO ELIMINATE, FILL UP OR REMOVE STAGNANT POOLS OF WATER OR ANY OTHER UNSANITARY THING, PLACE OR CONDITION WHICH MIGHT BECOME A BREEDING PLACE FOR MOSQUITOES, FLIES AND GERMS HARMFUL TO THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY; PRESCRIBING A PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED IN SUCH CASES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENLAND, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. All property owners within the City of Greenland, Arkansas, are hereby required to cut weeds and grass, remove garbage, rubbish and other unsanitary and unsightly articles from their property, and to eliminate, fill up or drain stagnant pools of water or any other place which might become a breeding place for mosquitoes, flies and germs harmful to the health of the community.

SECTION 2. If the owner of any lot or other real property within the City of Greenland, after the giving of twenty (20) days' notice in writing by the Mayor, shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties in connection with his or their property as specified in Section 1 hereof the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to enter upon the property and have said weeds, rank grass or other vegetation cut and removed, or eliminate any unsanitary and unsightly condition, and the cost thereof shall be charged against said premises and shall constitute a lien thereon.

SECTION 3. In case the owner of any lot or other real property is unknown or his whereabouts is not known or is a nonresident of this State, then a copy of the written notice hereinabove referred to shall be posted upon the premises and before any action to enforce such lien shall be had, the City Clerk or Recorder shall make an affidavit setting out the facts as to unknown address or whereabouts of nonresidents, and

against nonresident defendant may be had and an attorney ad litem shall be appointed to notify the defendant by registered letter addressed to his last known place of residence if same can be found.

SECTION 4. The lien herein provided for may be enforced and collected in the following ways:

(A) The lien may be enforced at any time within eighteen (18) months after work has been done, by an action in the Chancery Court: or

(B) The amount of the lien herein provided may be determined at a hearing before the City Council held after thirty (30) days' written notice by certified mail to the owner of the property, if the name and whereabouts of the owner be known, and if the name or whereabouts of the owner cannot be determined, then after publication of notice of such hearing in a newspaper having a bona fide circulation in Washington County for one (1) insertion per week for four (4) consecutive weeks. The amount determined at said hearing, plus ten percentum (10%) penalty for collection, shall be certified by the City Council to the Washington County Tax Collector, and by him placed on the tax books as delinquent taxes, and collected accordingly and the amount, less three percentum (3%) thereof, when so collected shall be paid to the City of Greenland, Arkansas.

SECTION 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED:

Mary E. Harris
MAYOR

DATED:

August 14, 1984

ATTEST:

Pat Watkins
City Clerk or Recorder