

Tucumcari Nuisance Ordinance

Tucumcari Ordinance 1124 adopted 8/13/15

NOTICE

On August 13, 2015, the Tucumcari City Commission adopted Ordinance 1124. This ordinance makes changes to the Nuisance Ordinance increasing fines, allowing for the collection of attorney's fees, and requiring vacant buildings within commercial zones to be licensed. In the past, the City would send out several notices prior to issuing citations for nuisance violations. With the new ordinance, individuals will receive one notice within a twelve month period, after that point violators will automatically receive citations for each subsequent violation with progressive fines. Citations have the following fines associated: \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for the second offense, \$300 for the third offense, and \$500 for the fourth and subsequent offenses.

In addition to increased fines for citations, the City now has the authority to collect for attorney's fees in the event that they have to take legal action against an individual to enforce the nuisance ordinance or collect on a property lien. Listed on the back of this flier, is a list of the most common nuisance violations. The adoption and enforcement of this ordinance will ensure that we protect property values, increase public safety, and improve the overall quality of life in Tucumcari. If you would like a full copy of the ordinance, it may be obtained from City Hall.



The maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving or permitting to be or remain on any public or private property of any of the following items, conditions or actions are declared to be and constitute a nuisance; provided, however, this enumeration shall not be deemed or construed to be conclusive, limiting or restrictive:

1. Noxious weeds and other rank vegetation;
2. Mesquite bushes;
3. Accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, litter, garbage, junk and other abandoned materials, metals, lumber or other things;
4. Any condition that provides harborage for rats, mice, snakes and other vermin;
5. unnecessary or unauthorized noises and annoying vibrations, including animal noises;
6. All disagreeable or obnoxious odors and stenches, as well as the conditions, substances or other causes which give rise to the emission or generation of such odors and stenches;
7. The carcasses of animals or fowl not disposed of within a reasonable time after death;
8. The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream, lake, canal or body of water by sewage, dead animals, creamery, industrial wastes or other substances;
9. Any building, structure or other place or location where any activity which is in violation of local, state or federal law is conducted, performed or maintained;
10. Any accumulation of stagnant water permitted or maintained on any lot or piece of ground;
11. Dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas, soot or cinders in unreasonable quantities.