

COLUMBUS COUNTY ABANDONED STRUCTURE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT NO. 6 – Section 504 Enforcement, add “Section 504.1 Nuisance Conditions and Junked or Nuisance vehicles; removal authorized.

Upon notice issued to the owners of any abandoned structure as herein defined, it is also determined that any of the following conditions or any combination thereof, are found to be present or exist within one hundred fifty (150) feet of said abandoned structure, such notice shall include an order to also remove, remedy or otherwise abate such conditions by the imposed deadline as related to the removal, remedy or abatement of said structure or structures.

1. Any grass, weeds or similar noxious vegetation having an overall height of more than eighteen (18) inches above the surrounding ground within an area of approximately one hundred fifty (150) feet in any direction of an abandoned structure.
2. An open place, collection, or concentration of mattresses, boxes, paper, garbage, trash, refuse, old clothes, rags, automobile parts, tires or rims, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, appliances, cans and containers, household goods, plumbing or electrical fixtures, old rusty metal, or other similar items.
3. A collection place for lumber, bricks, blocks, nails, building hardware, roofing materials, scaffolding, masonry materials, electrical supplies or materials, plumbing supplies or materials, heating and air conditioning supplies or materials or any other type of old or unusable building supplies (especially those with nails, staples or sharp objects and edges) or other similar items.
4. Any junked or nuisance vehicle that found to exist on the property of an abandoned structure as defined herein;
 - (A) Junked motor vehicle: As authorized and defined in G.S. 153A-132.2, the term junked motor vehicle means a vehicle that does not display a current license plate lawfully upon that vehicle and that:
 - (1) Is partially dismantled or wrecked; or
 - (2) Cannot be self-propelled or move in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
 - (3) Is more than five (5) years old and appears to be worth less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).
 - (B) Nuisance vehicle: A vehicle on public or private property that is determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard, a public nuisance, and unlawful, including a vehicle found to be:
 - (1) A breeding ground or harbor for mosquitoes, other insects, rats or other pests; or
 - (2) A point of heavy growth of weeds or other noxious vegetation which exceeds eighteen (18) inches in height ; or

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- (3) In a condition allowing the collection of pools or ponds of water; or
 - (4) A concentration of quantities of gasoline, oil, or other flammable or explosive materials as evidenced by odor; or
 - (5) An area of confinement which cannot be operated from the inside, as, but not limited to, trunks or hoods; or
 - (6) So situated or located that there is a danger of it falling or turning over; or
 - (7) A collection of garbage, food waste, animal waste, or any other rotten or putrescent matter of any kind; or
 - (8) One which has sharp parts thereof which are jagged or contain sharp edges of metal or glass;
 - (9) Any other vehicle specifically declared a health and safety hazard and a public nuisance by the County Board of Commissioners.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Giles E. Byrd, Chairman
Columbus County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

June B. Hall, Clerk to the Board

Mike Stephens, Columbus County Attorney