CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO.



-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 561.01 NUISANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Cuyahoga Falls wishes to update what is considered a nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Cuyahoga Falls, County of Summit and State of Ohio, that:

<u>Section 1.</u> Section 561.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Cuyahoga Falls is hereby amended to read in full as follows (new text in **Bold Underline**, Deleted Text in **Strikethrough**:

561.01 NUISANCES.

The following items on private property are declared to be nuisances.

- (a) Any weeds which are spreading or maturing seeds, or about to do so, <u>namely</u> ragweed, goldenrod, poison ivy, poison oak, <u>burdock, thistles, leafy spurge, field bindweed, tree</u> <u>of heaven, sumac, bamboo</u> or any other noxious or poisonous weeds or vines;
- (b) Any grass in excess of eight inches in height;
- (c) Any roots of trees which obstruct any portion of a sewer located on City property or within City easements or damage a sidewalk to the point it requires repair;
- (d) Any shrubs or bushes located within twenty feet of the intersection of two or more streets and abutting either the sidewalk or the normal sidewalk location if the shrubs or bushes exceed two feet in height above the surface of either the sidewalk or the normal sidewalk location;
- (e) Any tree, plant, bush or shrub the branches or trunk of which obstruct or impede traffic on any street or public place. Branches overhanging within nine (9) feet of the surface of any sidewalk or within thirteen and one-half (13 ½) feet of the surface of any street shall be deemed prima-facie to obstruct or impede traffic thereon;
- (f) Any tree or branch of any tree which is in danger of falling due to decay or rot or any other reason, or any tree which contains any disease or insects which can spread to other trees. provided, however, that paragraphs (a) and (b) above shall not apply in those areas located in R-1 Zoning Districts.
- <u>Section 2.</u> Any other ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, but any ordinances and resolutions or portions of ordinances and resolutions not inconsistent herewith and which have not previously been repealed are hereby ratified and confirmed.
- <u>Section 3.</u> It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including, to the extent applicable, Chapter 107 of the Codified Ordinances.

56 57 58 59 60 61	Section 4. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City of Cuyahoga Falls and the inhabitants thereof, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law.	
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