

## Chapter 53

## BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Swedesboro 12-6-82. Amendments noted where applicable.]

## GENERAL REFERENCES

Weed control — See Ch. 140.

- § 53-1. Lots and premises.
  - A. The tenant or occupant of any leased or occupied lot or premises shall not permit weeds or grass over six (6) inches in height to grow or stand on said lot or premises so occupied.
  - B. The person or corporation owning any lot or premises not leased or occupied by another shall not permit weeds or grass over six (6) inches in height to grow or stand on such lot or premises so owned.
- § 53-2. Sidewalk areas.
  - A. The tenant or occupant of any leased or occupied lot or premises shall not permit weeds or grass over six (6) inches in height to grow or stand on the sidewalk abutting such lot or premises so occupied.

- B. The person or corporation owning any lot or premises not leased or occupied by another shall not permit weeds or grass over six (6) inches in height to grow or stand on the sidewalk abutting such lot or premises so owned.

**§ 53-3. Definitions; responsibility for removal.**

- A. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

OWNER — The person, firm or corporation appearing as the “owner” upon the plottings found in the tax office. Each of the members of a firm shall be held responsible and punishable for any violation by the firm of the provisions of this chapter.

- B. Notice to owners or tenants. After an investigation of any complaint of a resident, officer or employee of the borough relative to a violation of this section, or upon his own motion, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify, in writing, the owner, tenant or person in possession of the lands complained of, either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to remove such brush, weeds, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growth, filth, garbage, trash or other debris within ten (10) days after the receipt of this notice. The officer shall reinspect the lands in question after the ten-day period expires and report in writing to the Borough Council at its next regular meeting whether the condition complained of has been abated or remedied.
- C. Removal by the borough; costs established as a lien. If the owner, tenant or person in possession of the lands in question fails to abate the condition complained of within ten (10) days after receipt of the notice, the officer shall cause the condition complained of to be abated and certify the cost to the Borough Council, who shall examine the certificate and if it is correct, cause the cost as shown thereon to be charged against the lands. The amount so charged shall become a lien upon the lands and be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assessed and

levied upon the lands, shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes. Costs shall be in addition to any penalties imposed for any violation of this section.

**§ 53-4. Violations and penalties.**

For every violation of any of the provisions of this chapter, the person, firm or corporation responsible shall, upon conviction, be punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.) or imprisonment not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**§ 53-5. Enforcement.**

It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

