

ORDINANCE 1997-01

WEEDY LOTS/STAGNANT WATERS

Should any owner of any lot or lots within the City of Penitas, Texas who shall allow weeds, rubbish, brush or any other unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter to grow or accumulate thereon, fail and/or refuse to cut down and/or remove such weeds, rubbish, brush, or other unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter, as the case may be, within ten days after notice to said owner to do so, in writing, or by letter addressed to such owner at his post office address, or within ten days after notice by publication as many as two times within ten consecutive days in any newspaper in Texas may do such cutting down and/or removing such weeds, rubbish, brush, or any other unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter, or cause the same to be done and may pay therefore, and charge the expenses incurred in doing such work or having such work done or improvements made to the owner of such lot or lots or real estate.

A minimum fee of \$100.00 shall be charged to property owners if the City has to remove weeds, rubbish, brush, or other unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter from lot or lots. If work performed requires over an hour, \$25.00 for half an hour or portion thereafter will be charged. The City shall notify in writing, the property owner of the payment and give a 30-day period in which to pay the amount. At the same time, the City shall notify the property owner if such expense (s) shall be assessed or the real estate, or lots upon which such expense was incurred. In such event, a fee of \$75.00 shall be paid by the property owner for legal fees including filing of liens.

Should any owner of such lot or lots that have places thereon where stagnant water may accumulate and/or which are not properly drained, or the owner of any premises or buildings upon which carrion, filth or other impure or unwholesome matter may be fail

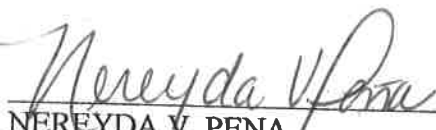
and/or refuse to drain and/or fill the same lot or lots, or remove such filth, carrion or other impure or unwholesome matter, as the case may be, within ten days after notice by publication as many as two times within ten consecutive days in any newspaper in Texas, if personal service, may not be had as aforesaid, or if the owner's address be not known then in that event, the City of Penitas, Texas, may do such filling or draining, or removal of filth, carrion, etc., or any other unsightly objectionable or unsanitary matter, or cause the same to be done and may pay therefore and charge the expenses incurred in doing such work done or improvements made to the owner of such lot or lots or real estate. A minimum fee of \$100.00 shall be charged to property owners if the City has to remove stagnant water or other impure or unwholesome matter from lot or lots. If work performed requires over an hour, \$25.00 for half an hour or portion thereafter will be charged. The City should notify, in writing, the property owner of the payment and give a 30-day period in which to pay the amount. At the same time, the City shall notify the property owner if such expense (s) is not paid in a 30-day period, the expense (s) shall be assessed on the real estate, or lots upon which such expense was incurred. In such event, a fee of \$100.00 shall be paid by the property owner for legal fees including filing of liens.

BE IT ORDAINED: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY OF PENITAS, TEXAS ON THIS 22ND DAY OF OCTOBER, 1996.

SERVANDO RAMIREZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:


NEREYDA V. PENA
CITY SECRETARY

