

City of Lake Charles, LA

Ordinance: 17589

An ordinance amending Article II Lot Cleanliness of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana to include the regulations of earthen mounds to the provisions under this Article.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, in regular session convened, that:

SECTION 1: Sec. 10-25.1(a) of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“Sec. 10-25.1. Accumulations prohibited.

(a) It shall be unlawful for persons owning or occupying developed or undeveloped lots or tracts of land within the city, which can be maintained or cut by a standard bush hog, tractor, lawnmower, etc., containing an area of five acres or less in size, to permit on such lots or tracts, as well as the abutting sidewalk, banquette, fence lines, and neutral grounds or to any lot line, any grass, weeds, brush, underbrush, excessive growth, growing or lying upon such area which has attained a height of 12 inches or more, or to permit trash, garbage, rubbish, refuse and debris, thereon and such persons shall maintain said lots or tracts, as well as the abutting sidewalks, banquette, fence lines, and neutral grounds free of such weeds, grass, brush, underbrush, excessive growth, trash, rubbish, refuse and debris. For a violation to occur, the grass, weeds, brush or underbrush should be within ten feet of any lot line, be on a pile or accumulation of materials as identified in 10-25(f), or cover at least 25 per cent of any given area of property, said determination to be made at the sole discretion of the inspector. Any down tree closer than ten feet to any property line, public right-of-way or street shall be a violation and shall be removed at the owner’s expense.”

SECTION 2: Sec. 10-25.1(b) of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

“Sec. 10-25.1. Accumulations prohibited.

(b) It shall be unlawful for persons owning or occupying developed or underdeveloped lots or tracts of land within the city, which can be maintained or cut by a standard bush hog, tractor, lawnmower, etc., containing an area of more than five acres, to permit on those portions thereof within 100 feet of any street and within 100 feet of the boundary lines adjacent to developed areas, or on the abutting sidewalk, banquette, fence lines, and neutral grounds, or upon such area which has attained a height of 12 inches or more, on the property, or to permit trash, garbage, rubbish, refuse and debris thereon, and such persons must maintain such portions of said lots of tracts, and any abutting sidewalks, street curbs, banquettes, fence lines and neutral grounds free of such weeds, grass, brush or underbrush, excessive growth, trash, rubbish, refuse and debris. For a violation to occur, the grass, weeds, brush, or underbrush should be within ten feet of any lot line, be on a pile or accumulation of materials as identified in 10-25(f), or cover at least 25 per cent of any given area of property, said determination to be made at the sole discretion of the inspector. Any down tree closer than 10 feet to any property line (or) public right-of-way shall be in violation and shall be removed at the owner’s expense.”

SECTION 3: Sec. 10-25.1 of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby amended and reenacted by adding a new subsection, said new subsection to be lettered “f”, said new section to read as follows:

“Sec. 10-25.1. Accumulations prohibited.

“(f) It shall be unlawful for persons owning or occupying developed or undeveloped lots or

tracts of land within the city to stockpile any materials used for landscape improvements, for raising property elevations, or for shoreline stabilization except as follows:

- 1) Piles/accumulations of materials, such as dirt, mulch, clays, sands, or concrete, used for landscaping, for raising property elevations, or for shoreline stabilization:
 - a. Shall not block or impede natural drainage in the surrounding area,
 - b. Shall not be in violation of Sec. 10-25.1 provisions that include limitations on grass height and rubbish deposition,
 - c. Shall ensure compliance with city stormwater management and permitting requirements, and
 - d. The stockpiled material shall be leveled or used for the intended purpose within 90 days. Extensions may be granted for valid reasons by the Director of Planning or his designee provided that the owner of the property, or his representative, submits a written request that includes a detailed explanation.
 - i. Ongoing permitted activities, such as residential or commercial construction, are not subject to this limitation.
- 2) Any permits required, including a city grading permit and Corps of Engineer permits (if required), shall be obtained prior to the accumulation of materials beginning.
- 3) Any violation of the requirements in Sec. 10-25.1(f)(1) shall constitute a violation.”

SECTION 4: All other paragraphs, subsections, subparagraphs, clauses, phrases and words of this section, not specifically amended by this ordinance, are to remain the same.

I, Lynn F. Thibodeaux, Clerk of the Council, certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance number 17589 passed by the City Council on 6/1/2016.