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17 **DIVISION 4 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS—VACANT AND UNOCCUPIED PREMISES**

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19 **Sec. 26-160. – Same—Weeds and plant growth.**

20 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), all premises and exterior property, including vacant land,
21 shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth more than ten inches tall on the entirety
22 of the lot, plot, or parcel. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all
23 grasses, annual plants, and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs. Said term shall not include
24 cultivated flowers, gardens, or cover crops.

25 (b) Undeveloped land shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth more than ten inches
26 tall within ten feet of any lot line and within 50 feet of any lot line adjoining a parcel of property
27 containing an occupied structure. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and
28 vegetation, other than trees or shrubs. Said term shall not include cultivated flowers, gardens,
29 or cover crops.

30 (c) Without limiting any other remedy for violation of this chapter, or Chapters 6 and 66 of the
31 Code of the City of New Orleans, a hearing officer may authorize the city or its agents to enter
32 upon any property found in violation of this section for the purpose of maintaining or removing
33 illegal or excessive weeds and plant growth. The cost of such maintenance or removal shall be
34 paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property.

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1 **SECTION 2. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That Section 66-312 of the Code of the City of New Orleans. Louisiana is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 **“CHAPTER 66 – ENVIRONMENT**

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6 **ARTICLE V. – NUISANCES**

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8 **DIVISION 3. – WEEDS, GRAFFITI, AND HAZARDOUS ACCUMULATIONS**

9 **Sec. 66-312. – Duty to maintain plant growth, remove debris and graffiti.**

- 10 (a) It shall be the duty of every owner(s) of real estate within the city, or in case of a property
11 whose primary purpose is commercial, the duty of the owner(s), occupant(s), or lessee(s) to at
12 all times cut and mow the grass, weeds, or other deleterious or unhealthful growths on their
13 respective property and in the space between the property line and the curblin in front, rear
14 and alongside thereof, so that neither grass nor weeds shall rise above the height of ten inches,
15 and shall cause the removal of any cuttings or mowings. For purposes of this chapter, the term
16 “weeds” shall not include cultivated flowers, gardens, or cover crops.
- 17 (b) It shall be the duty of every owner of real estate within the city, or in case of a property whose
18 primary purpose is commercial, the duty of the owner(s), occupant(s), or lessee(s) to at all
19 times remove any trash, debris, refuse, or discarded matter from their respective property and
20 in the space between the property line and the curblin in front, rear and alongside thereof, and
21 in accordance with the applicable collection and disposal provisions of chapter 138 of this
22 Code.
- 23 (c) It shall be the duty of every owner(s) of real estate within the city, or in case of a property
24 whose primary purpose is commercial, the duty of the owner(s), occupant(s), or lessee(s) to at
25 all times destroy and remove poison oak, poison ivy, poison sumac, or similar noxious plants
26 or growths from their respective property. For purposes of the division, destroy shall mean the
27 complete killing of the plants or growths above the surface of the ground by the use of
28 chemicals, cutting, tillage or any combination of those methods that will effectively prevent
29 the growth from maturing and spreading.

- 30 (d) It shall be the duty of every owner(s) of real estate within the city, or in case of a property
31 whose primary purpose is commercial, the owner(s), occupant(s), or lessee(s) to at all times
32 remove any graffiti from their respective property.
- 33 (e) It shall be the duty of every owner(s) of real estate within the city, or in case of a property
34 whose primary purpose is commercial, the owner(s), occupant(s), or lessee(s) to at all times
35 refrain from storing or otherwise accumulating in or on the property objects or substances of a
36 nature or in a quantity reasonably likely to create a hazard to the safety or health to the owner,
37 occupant or lessee of the same, contiguous, or neighboring property.
- 38 (f) Any person who violates subsections (a)—(e) shall pay up to a \$1,000.00 fine for each
39 violation.”

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS OCT 09 2025

JP Morrell

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON OCT 14 2025

APPROVED:

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OCT 15 2025

LATOYA CANTRELL

MAYOR

OCT 16 2025

-11:30 AM

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON _____ AT _____

LORA W. JOHNSON

CLERK OF COUNCIL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Morrell, Thomas - 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: Moreno - 1

RECUSED: 0

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TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
Lora W. Johnson
CLERK OF COUNCIL