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AN ORDINANCE
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COUNCILMEMBER
KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE
PENALTIES FOR EXCESSIVE
GROWTH OF GRASS/WEEDS ON
PRIVATE, RESIDENTIAL
PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

As Substituted

ADOPTED BY

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION

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CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

AN ORDINANCE

12-O-1404

BY:

COUNCILMEMBER KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

**AS SUBSTITUTED BY
PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBSECTION (a) OF SEC. 25 ENTITLED "OWNER AND TENANT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLEANLINESS OF PROPERTY" UNDER PART III - CODE OF ORDINANCES - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE >> APPENDIX E - ATLANTA HOUSING CODE OF 1987 >> ARTICLE II. - MINIMUM STANDARDS, SO AS TO IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR EXCESSIVE GROWTH OF GRASS/WEEDS ON PRIVATE, RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta ("City") strives to preserve and protect the environment of the City for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City also recognizes environmental protection as a right of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, it is found that excessive grass and weed growth on private properties is unhealthy and undesirable in that it constitutes a public nuisance and it contributes to a decline in property values in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council finds it in the public health, safety and welfare to promulgate laws to protect the environmental health of communities within the City of Atlanta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: The Atlanta City Council wishes to impose penalties for excessive growth of grass/weeds on private, residential property by amending the Atlanta Code of Ordinances by adding new language in Subsection (a) of Sec. 25 entitled "Owner and Tenant Responsibility for Cleanliness of Property" under PART III - CODE OF ORDINANCES—LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE >> APPENDIX E - ATLANTA HOUSING CODE OF 1987 >> ARTICLE II. - MINIMUM STANDARDS.



SECTION 2: The new Subsection (a) of Sec. 25. - Owner and Tenant Responsibility for Cleanliness of Property, shall read as follows:

“Sec. 25. - Owner and Tenant Responsibility for Cleanliness of Property.

(a) It shall be the lawful duty of the owner or operator and the occupant of any premises, within their respective areas of responsibility as specified herein below to keep interiors and exteriors, including premises, yards, lawns, courts and alleys clean, clear and free of any public or attractive nuisance, accumulation of dirt, junk, junk vehicles, rubbish, garbage, debris, combustible materials, kudzu, excessive growth of weeds, grass, shrubs, bushes or similar matter conducive to rodent, vermin or insect infestation and to ensure all vehicles are parked on all-weather surfaces at all times. **It shall be unlawful for the owner and tenant to permit grass/weeds to reach a height exceeding 12 inches on their property. Any person violating the overgrown grass/weeds provision shall be fined with penalties as provided in Subsection 18(d).** Interiors and exteriors shall also be kept clean, clear and free of any conditions conducive to the spread of fire or disease. The exterior of the premises and the condition of necessary structures shall be maintained so as not to constitute a nuisance under section 6 to neighboring or adjoining property owners. (This statement clarifies and strengthens care of the interior and exterior of property.) Responsibility for cleaning the interior of dwelling units shall include keeping the walls, floors and ceilings sanitary and free from accumulation of dirt or trash, and where appropriate, may require a coating on interior surfaces to make them resistant to vermin and insect infestation.”

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby waived in this instance only.

A true copy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. S. [unclear]".

Deputy Municipal Clerk

ADOPTED by the Atlanta City Council
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

November 19, 2012
November 28, 2012

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Atlanta City Council

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YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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