

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 528 WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 451; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section One. That Ordinance No. 528, the same being Secs. 12-5--12-6 of the Blytheville Code of Ordinances, which is an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 451 of the Ordinances of the City of Blytheville, Arkansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. All persons, firms, or corporations owning, leasing, renting or in any manner entitled to the possession, use, or enjoyment of any property in the City of Blytheville, Arkansas, by virtue of ownership, leasehold, rental contract or easement are hereby required to keep the same in a clean and sanitary condition and to keep same mowed or cut therefrom all weeds, grass, or noxious growth, and to keep same cut from the street, sidewalks and alleys immediately adjacent thereto such premises all weeds, grass and other noxious growth.

B. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of the preceeding section by failing or refusing to keep such property in a clean and sanitary condition or to keep mowed or cut therefrom all seeds, grass or other noxious growth, after having been given ten days notice in writing by certified mail by the Director of Permits, Inspections and Code Enforcement to do so, then said Director of Permits, Inspections and Code Enforcement of the City of Blytheville is hereby authorized to do what ever is necessary to correct said condition and to charge the cost thereof to the owner or owners of said lots or other real property and the City of Blytheville is hereby given a lien against such property for such costs.

C. In case the owner of any lot or other real property is unknown, or his whereabouts is not known or is a non-resident of this state, then a copy of the written notice hereinabove referred to, shall be posted upon the premises and before any action to enforce such lien shall be had, the Director of Permits, Inspections and Code Enforcement

shall make an affidavit setting out the facts as to unknown address or whereabouts of nonresidents, and thereupon service of the publication as now provided for by law against nonresident defendants, may be had and an attorney ad litem shall be appointed to notify the defendant by certified letter addressed to his last known place of residence if same can be found.


D. The lien that the City of Blytheville has on the property for the costs of cleaning and mowing it may be enforced at any time within eighteen months after the work has been done by an action in the Chancery Court.

Section Two. Whereas, the City Council has determined the keeping of property in the City of Blytheville in a clean and sanitary condition and to keep said property mowed and cut therefrom all weeds, grass and noxious growth is essential to the health and welfare of the City. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 19 day of June, 1973.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK