

THE GRIFFIN REPORT

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A Message from Councilman Griffin

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together, and great things are not something accidental, but must certainly be willed.”
-Vincent van Gogh

Dear Residents,

I am so proud of Ward 6. You came together to help your neighbors during a dangerous pandemic that is now beginning to dissipate. You checked on each other and made adjustments to your personal, professional and family life.

I cannot wait to see you in the neighborhood soon. Like many of you, I am happy that our city, state and country are starting to rebound from COVID-19. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the families who have lost loved ones to this dreaded virus.

Although, we are not completely out of the pandemic, we are getting very close to getting back to our normal lives. However, **we all need you to get vaccinated. Do your part.** “Get the facts about the Vax.” Please contact gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov to find a location near you. I received my vaccination shot in the arm. I would never ask you to do anything that I’m not willing to do myself.

The work continued in Ward 6 despite COVID-19. I continued to work on transformational projects to improve the quality of life in our community.

We have laid the groundwork for many Ward 6 community and economic development projects. We are beginning to see the fruits of our labor. However, we still have a lot of work to do to fully realize our potential. We continue to have challenges with safety issues and nuisance activities. And housing instability has caused uncertainty for far too many families.

There is still rental and utility assistance available. Please call the Cleveland Housing Network at 216-881-8443 if you need help.
Meanwhile, the pandemic has been a strain on all of us, especially our children who have had to learn remotely and have had very little recreation or socialization opportunities.

But our playgrounds, pools and recreation centers are now open and normalcy is taking hold.

Our seniors also suffered during the pandemic, though many of them learned how to become digitally savvy in order to get tele-health, stay in touch with family members and attend worship services.

There is a Latin phrase that I reference when I go through tough times; “Ex Malo Bonum.” This means **“Out of bad comes good.”** As we emerge from this volatile moment in history, I am more energized than ever to continue to fight for this neighborhood. I am encouraged to see that our planning, preparation, sacrifice and commitment to Ward 6 helped us survive this crisis and come out better than we were before COVID-19.

Thank you for weathering the storm. We still have work to do. But I am going to work with you to continue making Ward 6 a special place. You deserve it.

Blaine A. Griffin

Councilman Blaine Griffin, Ward 6

Health Community Initiative in Fairfax

Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation in collaboration with Ward 6 Councilman Blaine A. Griffin, and the Cleveland Clinic Community Health & Partnership and Sustainability, has launched a Healthy Community Initiative on East 100th Street in the Fairfax Neighborhood as a part of the Clinic’s 100 year centennial celebration, and as a pilot for a longer term community health improvement initiative for NE Ohio and other communities. The initiative launched in late February 2021.

East 100th street was selected as a starting point due to representation of a small community within itself containing approximately 32 single family homes, four multi-unit buildings, Saint John Baptist Church and Bolton Elementary School which anchors the street to the south at Quebec. The purpose of this initiative is to engage, evaluate, respond, invest, and partner

with residents and community organizations to help improve their health and well-being. It is a three year pilot which serves to inform Cleveland Clinic’s Community Health Strategy which is a 5 year plan. It addresses not only the physical or mental health needs of a population, but the social determinants as well, those things that account for 80% of a person’s health and well-being, such as where you live, access to healthy food, where you go to school and the job you have, etc. The initial phase of the initiative began by asking residents to complete a survey to identify assets, identify needs and establish baselines for the specific households. A \$50 gift card is provided to each household that participates. Once the information provided has been reviewed, the resident(s) is contacted by a community health worker who provides referrals to specific resources that may be needed.

The Langston Hughes Community Health & Education Center at E. 79th and Quincy serves as a neighborhood hub for education, primary care, specialty care and referrals to additional resources needed as identified by residents. Subsequent follow-up calls are made on a consistent basis,



to re-assess and, measure progress and continue to provide support and help in any additional way that may be needed. As of now, nine households have completed the discovery survey, which amounts to 21 people. Three environmental assessments have been completed and action plans are

underway, which includes securing contractors to complete the work needed.

The initiative is supported by various community partners who have provided both financial support as well as in-kind gifts. There is no cost to the residents nor homeowners for any of the assessments, remediation and/or home repairs that are needed. A playbook is being developed of the initiative which will be used to expand the project in Fairfax and other neighborhoods in the future.





“Quality of Life” Ordinances

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AS A NUISANCE

Chapter 630, C.O.

Chapter 630, C.O. declares certain criminal activities that occur on a property and that are engaged in by the owner, occupant or invitee of the owner or occupant of the property, to be nuisance activities.

Criminal activity nuisances include: any animal violation, such as unmuzzled dogs at large, dog nuisances, killing and injuring animals and cruelty to animals; any disorderly conduct or disorderly activity violation including failure to disperse, intoxication, inducing panic, and minor’s curfew; any drug abuse violation; any family offense violation including endangering children; any gambling violation; any littering violation; any liquor control violation; any obscenity and sex offenses violation; any offense against another person including assault, aggravated menacing and telephone harassment; any offense against property; any theft violation; any weapons and explosives violation; any sound devices violation; any massage establishment violation; and any open burning violation.

PENALTY: If three or more nuisance activities are found to have occurred on separate occasions within a 6 month period on the same property, the property may be declared a nuisance property and the owner of that property will be charged the costs to abate any future nuisance.

If a fourth or subsequent nuisance activity occurs at the same property within a specific period of time after the third or subsequent nuisance activity, the city may abate the nuisance activity by using administrative and law enforcement actions and the costs of the abatement will be charged to the owner of the declared nuisance property. If not paid, the costs may be placed on the nuisance property as a lien to be collected as other taxes and returned to the city. A property owner shall be charged a civil fine if a fifth or subsequent nuisance activity occurs within 6 months after the date of the notice of a charge for the cost of abatement. Fines charged are \$500 for a fifth nuisance activity, \$750 for a sixth, and \$1000 for a seventh or any subsequent nuisance activity, and shall be certified to the County Auditor if not paid.

The costs of abatement are determined based on the time required to respond to the nuisance activity, multiplied by an hourly rate based upon the wages and benefits of a police officer, dispatch costs, and etc.



NOISE

Regulation of sound devices, Section 683.01, C.O.

No person shall play any radio, music player, television, audio system or musical instrument anytime at a volume that would annoy or disturb the quiet.

Ord. 683.02

No person shall play any radio, music player or audio system in a motor vehicle at such volume as to disturb the quiet.

PENALTY: Fourth degree misdemeanor on first offense, fine of \$250 and subject to 30 days in jail; any subsequent offense is a third degree misdemeanor, which is a fine of \$500 and subject up to 60 days in jail.

ETHNIC INTIMIDATION/HATE INCIDENT

Ethnic intimidation is a criminal offense under Ohio Revised Code Section 2927.12 and Cleveland Codified Ordinances Section 623.16.

Ethnic intimidation whoever commits aggravated menacing, criminal damaging or endangering, menacing, criminal mischief or telephone harassment under state or city law because of the victim’s race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or natural origin, age, disability, Vietnam-era or disabled veteran status, is guilty of ethnic intimidation.

If you or anyone that you know has been a victim of ethnic intimidation or a hate incident, contact the Cleveland Police Department immediately.

PENALTY: Carries enhanced penalties.

MOTOR SCOOTER AND MINI-MOTORCYCLES

Motor scooters and Mini-motorcycles cannot legally operate on Ohio’s roadways unless they are titled, registered, covered by proper insurance and the operator is at least 16 years old with a motorcycle license or endorsement on his or her driver’s license. Most of the small electrical and gas power motor scooters or mini- motorcycles that are sold in stores are not roadworthy and therefore cannot be titled or registered. These scooters or mini-motorcycles are designed to be ridden on private property only and shall never be driven on the public street.

PENALTY: Scooters or mini-motorcycles will be confiscated without proper license, papers and plates.

Section 437.03 C.O.

Requires every motorcycle to be equipped with at least one and not more than two headlights.

CURFEW

Daytime Curfew Ord. 605.141 C.O.

(a) No child between the ages of six and seventeen shall be at any place within the city, except in attendance at school between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:30 pm during any school day, unless the child has written proof from the school authorities excusing him or her from attending school, or unless the child is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or a responsible adult.

(b) Each parent or legal guardian of a child between the ages of six and seventeen has a duty to prohibit the child from behaving contrary to section (a).

Nighttime Curfew Section 605.14 C.O.

(a) Children shall not be upon street, sidewalks, in a park or any public place between the following restricted hours, unless the child is accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian or a responsible adult selected by the parent or legal guardian to supervise the child. The parent or legal guardian is responsible for their children to keep curfew.

TIME & AGES

Darkness to Dawn: 12 years or younger
9:30 pm to 6:00 am: 13 and 14 years old
11 pm to 6:00 am: 15 and 16 years old
Midnight to 6:00 am: 17 years old

PENALTY: A parent who fails to prohibit their child from being outdoors during restricted hours is guilty of negligently failing to supervise a child, a minor misdemeanor for a first offense and may be required to perform community service. A second or subsequent offense is a fourth degree misdemeanor.



PARKING

Parking Infraction Fines Section 459.11 C.O.

(a) The fine for committing a parking infraction, unless another fine is established by divisions (b) or (c) of this section, is hereby established to be \$25, except that the fine for a rush hour parking infraction shall be \$35.

(b) The fine for violating each of the following sections of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, whether or not committed during rush hour, is hereby established to be \$50:

- **451.03** - Statutory Prohibited Standing or Parking Places, division (d), division (e) and division (j) only
- **451.15** - Fire Lanes on Public and Private Property, division (b) and division (c) only
- **451.22** - Between Sidewalk and Setback Line
- **451.23** - Tree Lawn and Private Driveway, division (a) only
- **451.241** - Parking Vehicles on Vacant Lots Prohibited, division (b) only
- **451.25** - Abandoned Vehicles
- **451.17** - Snow Emergency
- **451.18** - Bus Stops and Taxicab Stands, division (b) only

(c) The fine for violating each of the following section of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, whether or not committed during rush hour, is hereby established to be one hundred dollars (\$100.00):

- **451.21** - Trucks and Commercial Vehicles, division (b) only

(d) The fine for violating the following section of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, whether or not committed during rush hour, is hereby established to be two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00):

- **451.041** - Physically Handicapped Parking, division (b) only

ANIMALS

Dog Nuisances Section 603.04 C.O.

Each of the following is a dog nuisance:

1. A dog which bites, barks, yelps, howls or bays in such a manner or to such extent as to disturb the peace and quiet or endanger the health of any person.
2. A dog which scratches or digs in or urinates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property other than that of the dog owner.

PENALTY: Failure to abate a nuisance by the dog owner after notice results in a fine ranging from \$50 to \$100 for the first three offenses; for any fourth and subsequent offense, the nuisance dog shall be impounded.

Disposal of Dog Waste Section 603.041 C.O.

Any person in control of any dog on any public or private property not owned by dog owner must remove and properly dispose of any fecal matter left by the dog.

PENALTY: \$150

CMHA's \$35 Million Award to Transform Buckeye-Woodhill Neighborhoods

Woodhill Estates, a public housing complex in Ward 6, has received a \$35 million grant from the federal government's Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant to help assist the complex out of poverty and distress.

"This is an opportunity to redevelop the severely distressed Woodhill Estates and the distressed and disadvantaged community surrounding this area of public housing," said Councilman Blaine Griffin. "We want to de-concentrate poverty and provide an opportunity for better housing, health, education, childcare and jobs."

Cleveland is among five cities receiving the federal grant, joining Camden, New Jersey; Detroit, Michigan; Fort Myers, Florida; and Lewiston, Maine.

CMHA was a finalist last year for the Choice grant. Securing the award completes the funding needed to rebuild, really reimagine a long-neglected area of Cleveland that is already seeing new investments, parks, art and more in the neighborhood.

The aim is to mix new low-income and market rate apartments, townhomes and homes and adding new streets to connect the neighborhood. New senior housing is planned as well as new parks and

common areas, as well as rehabilitating homes.

CMHA had many partners, including the city, The Community Builders (TCB), City Architecture, Case Western Reserve University, Burten, Bell, Carr Development and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity is also involved. More than 60 organizations took part in hundreds of neighborhood meetings.

The new neighborhood will be a mix of low and market-rate units that to observers will be impossible to differentiate. The newly rebuilt rapid station nearby is an asset to all current and new residents in the neighborhood. Opportunity Corridor, slated for completion next year, is also close by.

"I join with the residents as we experience this great moment, and thank them for their continued engagement, meeting and more to get this award," said Councilman Griffin. "This is your victory."

"I thank President Biden, Vice-President Harris and newly appointed HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge for helping us gain this federal grant," said Councilman Griffin. "We now have an opportunity to change the trajectory of our community. So let us work together to make transformational change for the Woodland Hills community and for Ward 6."

Housing Developments and Housing Successes in the Ward

LARCHMERE HOMES: Councilman Griffin, Cleveland Housing Network Partners (CHN) and Burten, Bell, Carr Development recently announced a plan to build the Larchmere Homes. The Larchmere Homes is a scattered, 30 unit affordable single family development that offers a chance at home ownership for families in the Larchmere-Buckeye community. Families who are at or below the average median income (AMI) will be eligible to participate in CHN's nationally renowned Lease Purchase Program. This program offers low-income families a pathway to home ownership through a 15 year lease with an option to purchase the home at the end of the lease. This is an \$8.5 Million dollar investment in critically needed affordable housing in our community. The Ohio Housing Finance Agency provided funding for the Larchmere Homes with a 2021 award from a Low Income Housing Tax Credit.

BUCKEYE HOMES: Twenty-Five homeowners will continue to call the Buckeye-Shaker and Woodland Hills community home after Councilman Griffin teamed up with Mayor Jackson to stop an auction of several homes, some with families. The councilman also provided a path to home ownership and set aside money to help with repairs. These homeowners had agreements that the City felt was not being honored. These homes were set to go to auction after the former agency overseeing them (Buckeye Area Development Corporation) dissolved. This left many homeowners with a lot of uncertainty and at risk of losing their homes. Several homes had tax liens on the property, deferred maintenance and experienced other impediments

that prevented them from realizing the dream of become a homeowner. Many saw their homes on auction websites being sold while they were still living there. Councilman Griffin worked with the Court Receiver, the Jackson Administration, Burten, Bell, Carr and others to re-establish the path to homeownership for these residents. The homeowners will now have a path to homeownership at a reasonable price. Burten, Bell, Carr is working with the other residents to support their housing needs if they do not want to become homeowners.

Notable Ward News

CITY ARCHITECTURE: City Architecture decided to make the Ward 6 Larchmere community its home. This is an important story because City Architecture has helped our community and other communities throughout Cleveland, with strategic plans on rebuilding our communities. City Architecture will occupy space in the new 121 Larchmere Building, which they designed. Welcome to the Ward 6 family City Architecture.

BUCKEYE RENAISSANCE: Burten, Bell, Carr Inc. will develop a master plan for the Buckeye Shaker & Woodland Hills community. The goal of this neighborhood plan is to build off of our Neighborhood assets and establish a roadmap for our future. We need you to get involved in developing this important master plan. Please call Dawn Mayes at Burten, Bell, Carr at 216-341-1455.

Road Work in the Ward

Ward 6 received nearly \$972,452 in 2021 to resurface 8 streets. The policy was created by Council to focus on a "Worst First" strategy to do F and D ranked streets first. In the past, every Councilperson received the same amount of money. However, "Equity" is not "Equality." We now have a more equitable approach to focus street resurfacing money on the areas that have the most need. We still have a ways to go. But we are improving our overall pavement condition throughout the city of Cleveland and Ward 6.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS:

- ▶ **Union Ave. from Kinsman to Broadway** is already underway.
- ▶ **Buckeye Road** is scheduled to begin in 2022. Please go to buckeyeroadrefresh.com for more information. The Buckeye Road Refresh is a transportation plan funded by the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency's (NOACA) Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI). This funding helps communities re-imagine critical roads, streets and corridors that will impact the Buckeye neighborhood.
- ▶ **Larchmere and Mayfield** will soon receive "Road Diets" **"Road Diets," are better known as lane reductions.** It is a technique used by engineers and traffic planners to reduce the number of lanes and/or reduce the width of a road. This helps calm traffic, make street crossing safer for pedestrians and enhance bicycle safety. **Both of these stretches of road have had many car accidents due to blind spots and speeders.** This is a best practice to make our streets safer, but will not remove any on street parking.
- ▶ **Hessler Rd.** will get a much needed street improvement. Councilman Griffin identified a funding source to make critical repairs to this brick street in the first (1st) Historical district in Cleveland.



GRIFFIN'S Legislative Notes

Council recently allocated more than \$31 million in improvements to the city's public buildings, parks, recreation centers, pools and other properties.

The legislation includes more than \$15 million in work at recreation centers, \$2 million at pools and \$1 million for courts and ball fields.

Council also approved legislation allocating \$2.7 million to create trauma counseling at the city's recreation centers.

"We want our young people to do more than just play

basketball in recreation centers," said Councilman Griffin. "Many of our young people and their families deal with trauma and toxic stress, which can lead to violence, depression and suicide. We want to help our youth and their families overcome these challenges by giving them the tools they need to prevent violence, develop skills and create opportunities for them and their families to enjoy a better quality of life."

Council has approved legislation to resurface streets city-wide, including eight of them in Ward 6.

Our ward is receiving more than \$972,000 this year for resurfacing. The policy is "Worst First" which focuses on fixing the most dangerous streets right away. The policy was created by Council and approved by the mayor.

"We now have a more equitable approach to focus street resurfacing money on areas that have the most need," said Councilman Griffin. "We still have a ways to go. But we are improving our overall pavement condition throughout the city of Cleveland and Ward 6."

Vicious Dogs Section 604 C.O.

A "dangerous" dog will be considered a Level I Threat Dog if the dog is proven to have chased or approached a person in a menacing manner without provocation. A dog may also receive this classification if it bites a person when it is not on its owner's property or if animal control has impounded it on three separate occasions within a 12 month period for being unconstrained and uncontrolled while off its owner's property.

A "vicious" dog will receive a Level II Threat Dog classification if it has caused serious injury or death to any person or domestic animal without provocation, unless the person or animal is injured while committing a criminal trespass on the property of the owner.

All dogs with a Level I or II label must:

- Be spayed or neutered
- Have signage on their premises indicating "Level I Threat Dog" or "Level II Threat Dog"
- All owners of a level I or II threat dog (exempt any dog that on three separate occasions within a 12 month period has been impounded for being unrestrained or uncontrolled off its owner's property) will be required to obtain a policy of liability insurance of not less than \$100,000 within 30 days.

(Dog Warden: 216-664-3069)

DUMPING PROHIBITED

Section 551.26 C.O.

No person shall dump garbage or solid waste on any public or private property or place not licensed as a solid waste disposal facility.

PENALTY: Fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000 or up to six months in jail or both. Additionally, violator must reimburse city the cost of removing waste dumped.

TOY VEHICLES AND GAMES ON STREET

Section 411.04 C.O.

No person is allowed on a public roadway on roller skates, or riding in or by means of any coaster; vehicle or similar device except while crossing a street at a crosswalk unless the street is an authorized play street. No person shall fly a kite, or play ball or other game, including playing or using mobile or movable basketball hoops, on any street unless the street has been set aside for playground purposes.

PENALTY: A minor misdemeanor on the first offense; a second



offense within one year after the first offense is a fourth degree misdemeanor. On each subsequent offense, within one year after the third offense, the penalty is a third degree misdemeanor. In addition, any equipment or device used as a mobile or movable basketball hoop, shall be declared to be contraband and shall be seized and disposed of.

UNLAWFUL CONGREGATION

Section 605.09 C.O.

No person shall congregate with others on the sidewalk, street corner or within the parks or public grounds with intent to provoke a breach of the peace, or causing a breach of the peace by the serious annoyance to pedestrians or by using threatening, insulting or abusive conduct, and refusing to move on when ordered by a police officer.

PENALTY: Violation is a misdemeanor of the first degree.

LITTER ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; FEEDING BIRDS

Litter on public property; feeding birds, Section 613.02 C.O.

(a) No person shall throw or deposit litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the City except in public receptacles or in authorized receptacles for collection.

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Cleveland Officials Credit Shotspotter for Saving Lives and Ensuring a Safer Community

With an increase in shootings and many gun-related crimes going unreported, police found it difficult to know when, where or even if an incident occurred. This prompted the city officials to adopt new technology to address gun violence.

Already the CDP's increased response efforts are estimated to be at least two times as fast as prior to Shotspotter and helped them to provide critical first aid to save three lives.

"In the short time that Shotspotter has been in place, Cleveland Police Officers have been able to save the lives of at least three gunshot victims," says Councilman Blaine A. Griffin. "I will continue to be a supporter of technology that saves lives and makes my community safer."

30% Reduction in Shootings
Per Day in First Four Months

3 Known Lives Saved
in Just Four Months

2x Faster Response
to Life-Threatening Incidents

CHN Programs

Income restrictions apply to all of the programs listed below. Give us a call for program-specific income guidelines.

Utility Assistance

HEAP, PIPP Plus and Fuel Funds
216-350-8008

We offer programs to help you catch up on past-due utility bills, address a shut-off crisis and establish affordable monthly payment plans.

Water & Sewer Bill Assistance

216-774-2349

Receive discounts on your Cleveland Division of Water bill and/or Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District bill.

Rental Assistance

Northeast Ohio Rent Help
833-377-RENT (7368)

CHN is administering Rental Assistance to Northeast Ohio residents who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This program is funded by the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Eligible Clevelanders and Cuyahoga County residents must be facing a pandemic-related hardship.

Energy Services

Energy Conservation & Weatherization

216-574-7100 x270

CHN Energy Services programs are primarily to provide energy conservation measures to eligible clients in order to lower their energy bills. Services may include furnace repair, hot water tank repair, sidewall insulation, attic insulation, wiring repair, plumbing repairs and refrigeration and light bulb replacement.



CHN
Housing Partners



2999 Payne Ave, Ste. 134
216-574-7100
chnhousingpartners.org

Little Italy Awarded Grant for Neighborhood Development

The Northeast Ohio Italian American Foundation has awarded the Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation with a \$25,000 grant to invest in neighborhood development.

"I thank the foundation for this generous award that will help to preserve and enhance the heart of Cleveland's Italian community," said Councilman Blaine Griffin. "Little Italy stands as a historical district in Ward 6, as well as home for generations of home owners. We are also seeing young people moving in which is a good sign of neighborhood stability.

"And now that the pandemic is waning, we are seeing Little Italy's restaurants, shops and night life coming alive again – just in time for summer."

Top Photo (l-r): Councilman Griffin; Ray Kristosik, Executive Director of Little Italy Redevelopment Corporation; and Phil Talarico, Italian-American Brotherhood. **Bottom Photo (l-r):** Ray Kristosik, LIIRC; Father Joe Previte, Pastor, Holy Rosary Catholic Church; and Frank Rapposelli, Little Italy resident.



Coffee With A Cop Little Italy March 6, 2021



University Circle was named Best Arts District in the country in the 2021 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest. USA TODAY and 10Best's expert panel selected University Circle as one of the top 20 arts districts in the nation, and a public vote over the course of four weeks propelled the neighborhood to the number one spot.

"QUALITY OF LIFE" ORDINANCES CONTINUED

(b) No person shall litter public property by the feeding of pigeons, starlings, sparrows or other birds, nor shall any person place food for the feeding of such birds on any public property so as to increase the hazard of rodent infestation.

PENALTY: A minor misdemeanor ticket citation.

PROPERTY NUISANCES

Chapter 209, C.O.

The city declares that grass over 8 inches in height, noxious weeds, refuse including trash, junk, garbage and food waste, offal, animal wastes, tires, and stagnant surface water are nuisances that harbor and are breeding grounds for pests and may otherwise create human health problems. The owner, operator or person in control of the property on which these nuisances are found is responsible for the removal or abatement of the nuisance.

The commissioner of the environment will send notice to the property owner, operator, or person in possession or control of the property (for every vacant parcel of land, the commissioner of environment will mail notice to last known address of the owner of each vacant parcel of land, or shall publish a notice in a newspaper) to abate the nuisance, giving a time frame for compliance. If the abatement does not occur within the stated time frame or if the action taken does not completely abate the nuisance, the city may take any action necessary to abate the nuisance and bill the owner for the costs of any abatement.

If any nuisances exist that are not removed

or otherwise abated, the city may take any action necessary to abate the nuisance, and the owner will be billed for all costs of the abatement.

PENALTY: Property nuisances may be ticketed; the violation is a minor misdemeanor. Other civil or criminal legal actions may be filed by the commissioner of environment to enforce nuisance violations without additional notice.

If the nuisance represents an imminent threat to the public health, the city will immediately abate the nuisance without notice, and bill the owner for the costs of any abatement.

GARBAGE AND WASTE

Setting out containers Section 551.04 C.O.

Solid waste shall be set out in proper waste containers (garbage cans or trash bags) on collection day in front of the premises or on the sidewalk adjacent thereto in accordance with the rules prepared by the Director of Public Service. Such a waste container shall not be set out earlier than 12:00 Noon on the day preceding a regular collection day and shall be removed from the front of the property and returned to the container storage site no later than 12 noon on the day following the date of collection.

PENALTY: Civil fine of \$100 ticket issued by Waste Collection.

