

Council of the Town of Leonardtown

Date Introduced on First Reading: March 14, 2011
Date Adopted on Second Reading: May 9, 2011
Date Effective: May 30, 2011

Ordinance No. 151
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment
Subject: Chapter 112 – Property Maintenance

Purpose

An ordinance concerning property maintenance.

For the purpose of amending the Code of the Town of Leonardtown in order to revise existing provisions.

Ordinance

Section I: Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Leonardtown that Chapter 112. Property Maintenance, is hereby amended as follows: (changes shown in red)

CHAPTER 112. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Commissioners (now Mayor and Council) of the Town of Leonardtown 7-13-1981 by Ord. No. 37A. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Garbage, rubbish and refuse — See Ch. [82](#).

Livability standards — See Ch. [92](#).

Storage of refrigerators — See Ch. [116](#).

Depositing of waste on streets and sidewalks — See Ch. [128](#), Art. [III](#).

§ 112-1. Maintenance of lots; brush, grass and weeds.

A. Every **improved** lot **and/or** vacant area within the corporate limits of Leonardtown and every part thereof shall be kept clean and free from any accumulation of dirt, filth, rubbish, trash, garbage or similar matter **so** as not to be a danger to the health of the public.

B. All **improved** lots and vacant areas within the corporate limits of Leonardtown shall be kept clean and free from weeds exceeding 12 inches in height.

§ 112-2. Duty of owners and occupants.

It shall be the duty of each occupant or owner of a lot or vacant area within the corporate limits of Leonardtown to keep the same clean and free from the accumulation of dirt, filth, rubbish, trash, garbage and similar matter and from weeds as required in § [112-1](#).

§ 112-3. Violations and penalties.

[Amended 3-14-1994 by Ord. No. 78]

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 and of not more than \$1,000 or be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months, or both fine and imprisonment.

§ 112-4. Additional remedies.

In addition to the fine hereinabove provided, when it is called to the attention of the Commissioners of Leonardtown Editor's Note: Pursuant to the 1989 Charter, the Commissioners of Leonardtown are now the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leonardtown. that a lot or vacant area within the corporate limits of Leonardtown is not kept clean and free from the accumulation of dirt, filth, rubbish, trash, garbage and similar matter and from weeds as required in § [112-1](#), the Commissioners shall order the compliance with § [112-1](#) by sending a notice to the occupant or owner of said lot or vacant area to comply with § [112-1](#) within seven days from the receipt of said notice, and, in the event that the occupant or owner refuses to comply with the terms of said notice, the Commissioners of Leonardtown may have said lot or vacant area cleaned and made free from weeds as required by § [112-1](#). The costs and expenses incident to such cleaning and cutting of weeds on said lot or vacant area may be recovered by the Commissioners of Leonardtown from the occupant or owner thereof by appropriate legal action.

Section II: And Be It Further Ordained, that this Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the whole Council after veto by the Mayor.

Attest:

Laschelle E. McKay
Laschelle E. McKay
Town Administrator

Commissioners of Leonardtown:

Walter Wise
Walter Wise
Vice President

absent
Tom Collier
Council Member

Daniel W. Burris
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Leslie Roberts
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Council Member

This ordinance was presented to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval pursuant to Section 210 of the Charter of the Town of Leonardtown this 11th day of May, 2011.

Laschelle E. McKay
Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

In accordance with Section 210 of the Charter of the Town of Leonardtown, I hereby (Approve) or (Disapprove) approve this Ordinance (the 11th day of May, 2011).

J. Harry Norris, III
J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor