

# **YOUNGSTOWN NUISANCE ORDINANCES**

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**NUISANCE**—anything wrongfully done or permitted which interferes with or annoys another in his or her enjoyment of legal rights. There are several Youngstown ordinances that define certain conduct as a public nuisance.

## **1. HIGH GRASS**

- A. Ordinance 1749.01—grass or other weeds 10 inches or higher
- B. Contact the Health Department at (330) 743-3333
- C. The penalty is \$100, a minor misdemeanor

## **2. LOUD MUSIC (BOOM BOXES)**

- A. Ordinance 539.07—volume as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons
- B. Contact the Police Department at (330) 742-8926
- C. The penalty for “outside the vehicle”:
  - (i) First Offense--\$100
  - (ii) Second Offense--\$200
  - (iii) Third Offense--\$300 and 3 days in jail
- D. The penalty for “within the vehicle”:
  - (i) First Offense--\$200
  - (ii) Second Offense--\$400
  - (iii) Third Offense--\$600 and 3 days in jail

## **3. COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (SEMI-TRAILER)**

- A. Ordinance 79.01—no parking or storage of commercial or industrial vehicles on any residentially-zoned land at any time.
- B. Contact the Police Department at (330) 742-8926
- C. The penalty is \$100, a minor misdemeanor

## **4. BARKING DOGS**

- A. Ordinance 505.09—the dog barks or howls at unreasonably loud or disturbing levels and of such a character and duration as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood or to be detrimental to the life and health of any individual.
- B. Contact the Police Department at (330) 742-8926
- C. The penalty is:
  - (i) First Offense—minor misdemeanor
  - (ii) Each Offense thereafter—4th degree misdemeanor

## **5. LITTERING AND DEPOSIT OF GARBAGE**

- A. Ordinance 521.08—do not dispose on public or private property any litter (paper, garbage, rubbish, tires, etc.) or any substance or material which is or may become offensive, injurious or dangerous to the public health, comfort or safety.
- B. Contact the Health Department at (330) 743-3333 or the Police Department at (330) 742-8926
- C. The penalty is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months incarceration and up to \$1,000 in fines and 50 hours of community service
- D. The reward is up to \$250 to persons who provide information leading to the successful conviction of persons violating Youngstown City Ordinances which prohibit littering and illegal dumping

## **6. JUNK VEHICLES (INOPERABLE VEHICLES)**

- A. Ordinance 351.17—no person shall abandon or discard his or her inoperable vehicle on the property of another or allowing the same to be maintained on their property
- B. Contact the Police Department at (330) 742-8926
- C. The penalty is a minor misdemeanor

## **7. UNSAFE BUILDINGS**

- A. Ordinance 1525—deals with buildings which are unsafe, unsanitary, a nuisance, constitute a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare. All unsafe buildings shall be taken down and removed or made safe and secure, as the Chief Enforcement Officer of the Bureau of Buildings and Housing Code Administration, or in case of emergency, the Fire Chief may deem necessary.
- B. Contact the Bureau of Building and Housing Code Administration at (330) 744-0854
- C. The penalty is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree misdemeanor