

953.03 REMOVAL OF HAZARD; FAILURE TO COMPLY.

(a) If it is determined that a property owner has failed to comply with the provisions of Section 953.02 hereof, the City may send notice by mail of its demand that the noncompliance be corrected.

(b) If the property owner fails to comply with the demands contained in the notice within ten days of its mailing, the Mayor or his or her designee may enter upon the property and remove the offending matter in order to abate the threat to the public health.

(c) In those cases where the City removes offending matter at its own expense, the property owner shall be charged a fee of seventy-five cents (75¢) per square yard of the area cleared. The property owner shall be invoiced for the cost as calculated above. If the property owner fails to remit the amount due, the City may recover that amount plus its related costs by filing an appropriate legal action.

(d) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the Mayor or his designee from entering onto property to remove matter described in Section 953.02 hereof without notice, if it is determined that such matter is a threat to the public health, safety and welfare.

(e) Nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit or waive any criminal sanctions which may be pursued by the City, and whoever violates the provisions of this article shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned for a period of not more than thirty days, or both, and such criminal fines and penalties shall be in addition to the fee of seventy-five cents (75¢) per square yard of the area cleared as provided for in subsection (c) hereof. (Ord. 6-8-09)