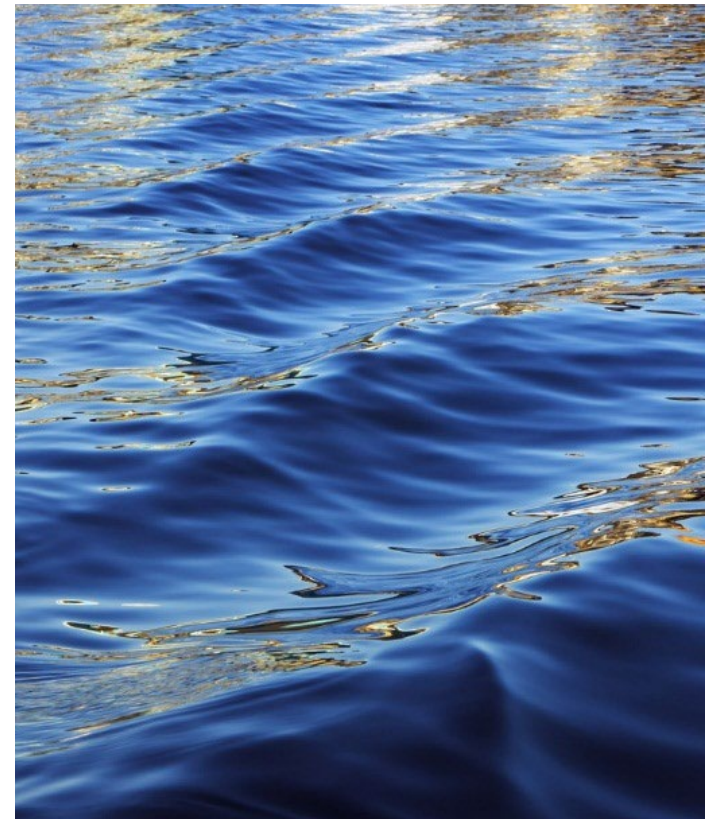




Ordinance
Amending Article I
of Chapter 10
HEALTH AND SANITATION



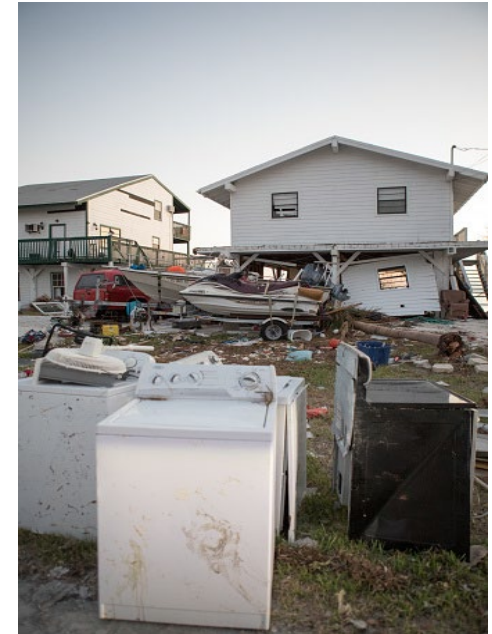
Purpose

- Chapter 10 of the Apex Town Code of Ordinances currently prohibits conditions constituting public nuisances such as the uncontrolled growth of weeds and grass as well as the accumulation of certain items on property. The ordinance does not provide much detail as to what is considered uncontrolled growth or what conditions constitute a public nuisance. This amendment is intended to provide clarification and guidance.



Cleanliness of Premises – PROHIBITIONS

- Industrial and hazardous materials
- Trash and refuse
- Rusted, wrecked, dismantled, decaying, or inoperable materials, appliances, or furniture
- Household fixtures, furniture, electrical goods, and appliances not designed for outdoor use
- Conditions creating a fire hazard



Cleanliness of Premises - EXCEPTIONS

- Use of household furniture on an enclosed porch
- Use of furniture for outdoor use (eg. patio and lawn furniture)
- Recreational equipment like swing sets and playhouses



Public Nuisance – Accumulation of Weeds/Undergrowth - PROHIBITIONS

- Overgrown weeds, grass, or briars creating a harborage for rodents, vermin or other pests
- Turfgrass exceeding 8 inches in height.



Public Nuisance – Accumulation of Weeds/Undergrowth - EXCEPTIONS

- Non-turfgrass such as ornamental plantings and pollinator plants
- Grasses grown for the purpose of feeding livestock permitted pursuant to Sec. 4-3 of the town code



Changes Since Last Meeting:

- Ensured all language is gender neutral
- Authority delegated to Town Manager to reduce or waive civil penalties up to \$10,000 (upon resolution of the violation)
- Restrict application of Section 10-5 to weeds, briars, and turfgrass, not all grass. Now allows higher growth to accommodate pollinator and ornamental plants and grass used to feed permitted livestock.