



ORDINANCE

Adding Section II-9: Health and Sanitation

The Hillsborough Board of Commissioners ordains:

Section 1. The Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

Section 11-9 Health and Sanitation

(a) Open wells.

- (1) No person, after discontinuing the use of any well, shall leave said well open and exposed.
- (2) The use of a well shall be deemed to be discontinued when it is not being used by a permitted and occupied dwelling on the land upon which the well is located for a period of more than 30 days.
- (3) A well shall be deemed open and exposed when its use is discontinued unless:
 - a. The mouth or top of such well shall be securely and carefully covered so as not to permit the entry of any animals or objects.
 - b. A fence or wall not less than three feet in height shall completely surround said well.
- (4) An open and exposed well within the town, the use of which has been discontinued, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
- (5) No person shall discontinue the use of any well within the town for a period of more than 30 days without:
 - a. Carefully and securely filling the same.
 - b. Covering the mound or top of such well and erecting a fence or wall surrounding the well as set forth in paragraph (3), above.

(b) Stagnant water.

No owner, lessee, tenant or occupant of any building or premises shall keep or permit thereon any standing water open to becoming a breeding pool for mosquitos. Also there shall not allow to be or remain, open vessels such as buckets accumulated on a property that gather stagnant water.

(c) Premises kept free from discarded appliances, vegetation, etc.

- (1) Every person owning or occupying any premises shall keep such premises free from all trash and all other forms of offensive animal, vegetable matter, or refuse which may be dangerous or prejudicial to the public health, constitute a fire hazard, or which may constitute a public nuisance or an attractive nuisance to children.
- (2) Every person owning or occupying property shall dispose of all cut or fallen trees, stumps, limbs, leaves and all other vegetable matter or refuse, and the same shall not be permitted to remain upon any property within the town.
- (3) No person shall leave or permit to remain outside of any dwelling, building or other structure, or within any unoccupied or abandoned building, dwelling or other structure under their control, in a place accessible to children, any abandoned, unattended or discarded cooler, refrigerator, stove or other container which has an airtight door or lid, snap-lock or other locking device which may not be released from the inside, without first removing said door or lid, snap-lock or other locking device from the cooler, refrigerator, stove or container.

(e) Public Drains.

No person shall obstruct in any manner any street drainage ditch, gutter, drain or culvert so as to prevent the free flow of water therein; provided, that this shall not prevent the erection of footbridges or fences over the ditches, gutters and drains along streets which have not been curbed and the gutters and drains along paving, of the width of three feet for pedestrian crossings to sidewalks leading to doorways, and bridges of the width of ten feet for vehicle crossings into lots where such crossings are required. Such bridges shall received necessary permits and be so constructed as not to prevent the flow of water to or in gutters, ditches and drains.

(f) Weeds and undergrowth.

No owner, lessee, occupant, agent, or representative or employee of any lessee or occupant, having control of any lot or ground situated in the town, shall allow or maintain on any such lot any growth of weeds and undergrowth to a height of over eight (8) inches. If any person shall fail, refuse or neglect to cut, destroy or remove such weeds, grass, or growth within ten (10) days after the receipt of notice to do so given by the code enforcement officer, then the town, through its agents and employees, may enter upon such lot or premises for a depth of 50 feet from each abutting property line and cut and destroy such weeds and undergrowth for a depth of 50 feet from each abutting property line, and the cost and expense thereof shall be paid by the owner, lessee, occupant or agent, or it shall become a lien against such property in the same manner as for taxes. If the owner of the lot or ground, or his address, is unknown, the notice herein provided shall not be required. The property owner shall destroy all ragweed and other pollen-producing weeds growing on any lot or along or in the streets of the town before August 30 of each year.

Secs. 11-10 —11-15. Reserved.

Section 2. All provisions of any town ordinance in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing ordinance having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 8th day of September in the year 2025.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent or excused:

Sarah E. Kimrey, Town Clerk