



CITY OF JONESBORO, GEORGIA COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:
02/02/26 Work Session

Requesting Agency (Initiator): Administration

Sponsor(s): Mayor Donya L. Sartor

Item Title:

Council to consider approval and adoption of the Comprehensive Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and Repeal of Existing Nuisance and Unsafe Building Provisions currently codified at Chapter 36, Article III (Nuisances), Sections 36-81 through 36-81-120, in their entirety; and Chapter 16, Article IV (Unsafe and Dilapidated Buildings), Sections 16-71 through 16-91.

Requested Action: Recommending Approval.

Requirement for Board Action: Recommending Approval

Is this Item Goal Related? Yes

Summary and Background: The City of Jonesboro currently regulates nuisance conditions through multiple ordinances adopted at different times and codified in different sections of the City Code, including general nuisance provisions and unsafe/dilapidated building provisions. These ordinances are located in different chapters, contain overlapping subject matter, and do not fully align with the current Georgia nuisance abatement statute.

As a result, staff enforcement has required navigating multiple code sections with differing procedures, which has caused confusion for staff, inconsistency in enforcement, and uncertainty for property owners regarding the applicable process and legal standards.

The proposed Ordinance repeals the City’s existing nuisance-related ordinances and adopts a single, comprehensive nuisance abatement ordinance codified as Chapter 36, Article III (Sections 36-81 through 36-124).

The new ordinance:

- Consolidates nuisance and unsafe building regulations into one unified framework;
- Aligns City procedures with State law;
- Provides clear definitions and step-by-step enforcement procedures for staff;
- Creates consistent notice, hearing, judicial abatement, and cost-recovery processes;
- Improves transparency and due process for property owners and the public.

Policy Considerations:

Adoption of the ordinance promotes public health and safety, improves staff efficiency, reduces legal risk, and provides clear expectations for property owners. It replaces fragmented provisions with a single, modern, and legally compliant nuisance abatement system.

Fiscal Impact: No immediate fiscal impact. The ordinance clarifies and strengthens existing cost-recovery and lien authority for nuisance abatements already permitted by state law.

Exhibits Attached: Comprehensive Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and Repeal of Existing Nuisance and Unsafe Building Provisions currently codified at Chapter 36, Article III (Nuisances), Sections 36-81

through 36-81-120, in their entirety; and Chapter 16, Article IV (Unsafe and Dilapidated Buildings), Sections 16-71 through 16-91.

Staff Recommendation: (Type name, Title, Agency and Phone number.)

Approve of an Ordinance repealing existing nuisance and unsafe/dilapidated building ordinances and adopting a new, unified Comprehensive Nuisance Abatement Ordinance (Chapter 36, Article III).

FOLLOW-UP APPROVAL ACTION (Completed by City Clerk)

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