
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: October 27, 2025 **AGENDA ITEM** _____

DATE: 10/20/2025

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: DERRICK SMITH, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Consider amendments to Chapter 20 – Environmental and Health; Article XII – Litter of the City’s Code of Ordinances

In an effort to control illegal dumping, code enforcement spent numerous hours videoing and investigating the accumulation of discarded tires and medical waste at Harbor Refuge. Code Enforcement was able to identify an individual that continually dumped medical waste. A citation was mailed to the individual with a court date to appear before the municipal judge. However, the judge reviewed the case and refused to pursue the case, due to no penalty clause in the littering ordinance.

Therefore, staff recommends the addition of the penalty clause and additional definitions to the article.

Attachments:

- Proposed Chapter 20 – Environmental and Health; Article XII – Litter (Reference to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure is informational only)