

## **CHAPTER FIVE**

### **NUISANCES**

#### **SECTION 1. RUBBISH**

1. Except as provided in this chapter, the burning of solid waste, either by open fire or incineration container, (i.e. burn barrel) within the City limits is prohibited.  
“Solid Waste” shall mean garbage, refuse, and other discarded solid materials.”
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to build or cause to be built within the City limits any fire for the purpose of burning leaves, brush, deadwood, tree cuttings, and weeds from their property unless approved by permit issued by the Fire Warden, appointed by the City Manager, or his designee. Upon application, the Fire Warden or his designee shall inspect the area intended for burning to assure that no hazardous condition will be created by such burning and the emission of air contaminants will not create a danger to the health and property of the citizens of the City of Vergennes.

Areas needing controlled burning, such as fields or areas being cleared for development or other purposes or areas that unless controlled by burning could create a public hazard by accidental fire or uncontrolled fire are allowed by application to the Vergennes Fire Department Chief and an appropriate charge for control services provide by the Vergennes Fire Department shall be assumed by the applicant.

Permits that are issued under the provisions of the ordinance shall be for a specified date, time and location and only for specified materials. The City Council of the City of Vergennes reserves the right to establish a fee for the issuance of such permits and control services.

3. Whenever waste paper or other rubbish of light weight is carried or conveyed in any public street, the load shall be so covered or enclosed as to prevent the scattering of the contents by wind or otherwise during such conveyance.
4. Rubbish, paper and other waste products shall be stored in closed containers which shall prevent access by animals or scattering by the wind.

#### **SECTION 2. BEES**

1. No person shall knowingly keep bees on any premises owned or occupied by him within the limits of the City of Vergennes.

#### **SECTION 3. HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES**

1. Any building, structure, or accumulation of waste or rubbish which, in the opinion of the Health Officer or the City Council, is unwholesome or hazardous to safety of life, health

or morals of the public may, upon investigation, be declared condemned and unfit for habitation or use.

2. Upon such investigation and finding, the City Council may issue an order for removal or renovation of such building, structure or accumulation, stating therein their findings in the case, and the same shall be delivered to the owner of such buildings, structure or accumulation.
3. Within three days of the receipt of any such order, such owner or agent shall commence with sufficient workmen and facilities, to speedily comply with the terms of such order.
4. In the event of failure to comply with such order, the City Council may proceed in the removal or renovation as ordered, and the owner of such property shall be liable for all costs and expenses incurred. In addition to the penalties prescribed hereinafter.