ORDINANCE NO. 1257

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO AMEND MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 92.15 (B) (14) REGARDING NUISANCES DEFINITIONS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ENACTED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VISTA, SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Municipal Code Section 92.15 is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 92.15 DEFINITION.

(A) General definition. A nuisance consists in doing any unlawful act, omitting to perform a duty or suffering or permitting any condition or thing to be or exist, which act, omission, condition or thing either:

(1) Injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others;

(2) Offends decency;

(3) Is offensive to the senses;

(4) Unlawfully interferes with, obstructs, tends to obstruct or renders dangerous for passage any stream, public park, parkway, square, street or highway in the city;

(5) In any way renders other persons insecure in life or the use of property; or

(6) Essentially interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property or tends to depreciate the value of the property of others.

(79 Code, § 4-301)

(B) Specific definition. The maintaining, using, placing, depositing, leaving or permitting of any of the following specific acts, omissions, places, conditions and things are hereby declared to be nuisances:

(1) Any odorous, putrid, unsound or unwholesome grain, meat, hides, skins, feathers, vegetable matter or the whole or any part of any dead animal, fish or fowl;

(2) Privies, vaults, cesspools, dumps, pits or like places which are not securely protected from flies or rats, or which are foul or malodorous;

(3) Filthy, littered or trash-covered cellars, houseyards, barnyards, stable-yards, factory-yards, mill yards, vacant areas in rear of stores, granaries, vacant lots, houses, buildings or premises;

(4) Animal manure in any quantity which is not securely protected from flies and the elements, or which is kept or handled in violation of any ordinance of the city;

(5) Liquid household waste, human excreta, garbage, butcher's trimmings and offal, parts of fish or any waste vegetable or animal matter in any quantity, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the temporary retention of waste in receptacles in a manner provided by the health officer of the city, nor the dumping of nonputrefying waste in a place and manner approved by the health officer;

(6) Tin cans, bottles, glass, cans, ashes, small pieces of scrap iron, wire metal articles, bric-a-brac, broken stone or cement, broken crockery, broken glass, broken plaster and all trash or abandoned material, unless the same be kept in covered bins or galvanized iron receptacles;

(7) Trash, litter, rags, accumulations of barrels, boxes, crates, packing crates, mattresses, bedding, excelsior, packing hay, straw or other packing material, lumber not neatly piled, scrap iron, tin or other metal not neatly piled, old automobiles or parts
thereof, or any other waste materials when any of the articles or materials create a condition or harborage in which flies, rats, or rodents may breed or multiply, or which may be a fire danger or which are so unsightly as to depreciate property values in the vicinity thereof;

(8) Any unsafe or unsightly building, billboard or other structure, any old, abandoned or partially destroyed building or structure or any building or structure commenced and left unfinished, which buildings, billboards or other structures are either a fire hazard, a menace to the public health or safety or are so unsightly as to depreciate the value of property in the vicinity thereof;

(9) All places used or maintained as junk yards, dumping grounds or for the wrecking and disassembling of automobiles, trucks, tractors or machinery of any kind, or for the storing or leaving of worn-out, wrecked or abandoned automobiles, trucks, tractors or machinery of any kind, or of any of the parts thereof, or for the storing or leaving of any machinery or equipment used by contractors or builders or by other persons, which places are kept or maintained so as to essentially interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by others, or which are so unsightly as to tend to depreciate property values in the vicinity thereof;

(10) Stagnant water permitted or maintained on any lot or piece of ground. Stagnant water is defined as water which stands upon premises in such a manner, and over such a period of time, that it is likely to become a breeding place for mosquitoes;

(11) Stockyards, granaries, mills, pig pens, cattle pens, chicken pens or any other place, building or enclosure in which animals or fowls of any kind are confined or on which are stored tankage or any other animal or vegetable matter, or on which any animal or vegetable matter including grain is being processed, when the places in which the animals are confined, or the premises on which the vegetable or animal matter is located are maintained and kept in such a manner that foul and noxious odors are permitted to emanate therefrom to the annoyance of inhabitants of the city or are maintained and kept in such a manner as to be injurious to the public health; or

(12) All other things specifically designated as nuisances elsewhere in this code or applicable state law.

(13) Storage, accumulation, keeping, placing or allowing to remain of trash, garbage, scrap and wrecked, worn-out, broken or inoperative or partially destroyed or disassembled person or real property of any kind, including any motor vehicles, tractors, trailers, machinery and equipment.

(14) Any lots or pieces of ground within the city or within two miles of the corporate limits of the city that have (or have on adjoining streets or alleys) any growth in excess of 12 inches of weeds, grasses or other worthless vegetation or any other nuisance thereon pursuant to any other provisions of this Code or applicable law, excluding city approved plantings, structures, devices or facilities for purposes of weed or erosion control, neighborhood enhancement and/or wildlife promotion or storm water quality, detention, management or control. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this subsection (14), it shall be the duty of any person owning, leasing, occupying, or controlling any lot or piece of ground in the jurisdiction to prevent the growth of noxious weeds or other worthless vegetation thereon, including without limitation, cockleburs, thistles, ragweed, burdock, and wild lettuce thereon.

(79 Code, § 4-301.01) (Ord. 646, passed 5-7-96) (Ord. 1212, passed 2-2-14)

Statutory reference: Authority to regulate and abate nuisances, see Neb. RS 18-1720

SECTION 2. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. Section 31.21 as originally enacted, and all ordinances and parts of ordinances as previously enacted that are in conflict with this ordinance or any part hereof, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Seversability Clause. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Mayor and City Council hereby declare that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section, subsection,
sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more
sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared
unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect
from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2015.

CITY OF LA VISTA

Douglas Kindig, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela A. Buehle, CMC
City Clerk