

**TOWN OF EDMONSTON
ORDINANCE No.: 2024-OR-03**

AN ORDINANCE WHEREBY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EDMONSTON AMENDING CHAPTER 285 “HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” BY REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING § 285-4, “TRASH ACCUMULATION AND OBNOXIOUS GROWTHS DEEMED NUISANCE; ABATEMENT PROCEDURES” TO PROHIBIT THE STORAGE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OF ANY KIND ON FRONT PORCHES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to §5-202 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonston have the authority to pass such ordinances as it deems necessary to preserve the peace and good order, and to protect the health, comfort, and convenience of the residents of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, §12 “Ordinance Powers of the Mayor and Council” states the Mayor and Council shall have full power to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the good government, health, and improvement of the town, and for the preservation of peace and good order therein; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that the storage of construction materials on front porches has become a public nuisance, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined it is in the public interest to prohibit such storage on front porches.

Section 1. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonston in regular session assembled that § 285-4, “Trash accumulation and obnoxious growths deemed nuisance; abatement procedures” of Chapter 285 is hereby repealed, re-enacted, and amended as follows:

§ 285-4 Trash accumulation, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, and obnoxious growths deemed nuisance: abatement procedures.

Any trash, waste material, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS OF ANY KIND STORED ON FRONT PORCHES, garbage, offensive and dirty material or grass, weeds, briars and brush more than eight inches tall which has been, or which may hereafter be allowed to accumulate or grow on any private property in the Town of Edmonston is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. It shall be the duty of the Code Enforcement Officer to notify the owner or owners, tenant or

tenants or person or persons in possession of any real estate where such public nuisance exists to remove such public nuisance within seven days, inclusive of Sundays and holidays, after the date of such notice, and that upon failure to remove such public nuisance within the time specified, the nuisance will be removed by the Town and the cost thereof be charged to him/her, her or them, as the case may be, unless cause to the contrary be shown by filing objections, in writing, with the Code Enforcement Officer on or before the expiration date of such notice. If such written objections are filed, it shall be the duty of such person to appear before the Mayor and Town Council at its next meeting, when public hearing shall be accorded to such person. Such notice shall be given by placing the same in the United States Mail, addressed to the last known address of such person or persons, and with sufficient postage prepaid. If such public nuisance is not removed within the time specified in such notice, and no written objections have been filed, or filed and overruled by the Mayor and Town Council, then the Code Enforcement Officer shall cause the public nuisance to be removed, and he/she is authorized to incur the necessary expense in so doing, and shall place a charge against the proper person or persons for such costs and proceed to collect the same by entering same on the tax records as a tax upon such real estate, or by suit if deemed necessary, or both.

Section 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect 20 days from the date of its adoption.

Section 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a fair summary of this Ordinance shall forthwith be published twice in a newspaper having general circulation in Prince George’s County or published in a town newsletter.

INTRODUCED by the Town Council of the Town of Edmonston, at a regular public meeting on May 8, 2024.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Edmonston, Maryland, at a regular public meeting on June 12, 2024.

ADOPTED: 6/12/2024

Attest: _____

Mayor

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~~Strikethrough~~ :Indicate matter deleted from law.

