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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AO NO. 2003-130

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.20 REGARDING PUBLIC NUISANCES TO ADD GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PROVISIONS REGARDING INSPECTION, ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES AND REMEDIES; TO CLARIFY DEFINITIONS; AND TO AMEND ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 14.60.030 BY AMENDING AND ADDING FINES FOR VIOLATION OF ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15.20.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 15.20 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

15.20.005 Purpose and scope.

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that public nuisances are prevented, discontinued, and abated in a timely manner and do not reoccur. Other chapters of the Anchorage Municipal Code address public nuisances as well. Various municipal agencies are responsible for regulating public nuisances, depending upon the type or location of the public nuisance. The provisions in this chapter, including the description of the various types of public nuisances, procedures for prevention, discontinuation, inspection, enforcement, appeal, and abatement, as well as the appeal and remedies sections, are not exclusive or a limitation on municipal agencies in addressing public nuisances.

<u>Section 2.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code section 15.20.010 is hereby amended by amending certain definitions to read as follows: (other definitions in the reference section are not affected and therefore are not set out)

<u>15.20.010</u> **Definitions.**

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Junk <u>or salvage</u> means any <u>abandoned</u>, used, wornout, wrecked, scrapped, partially or fully dismantled or discarded tangible material, <u>including vehicles of</u>

 all kinds, or any combination of materials or items <u>including</u> [SUCH AS] <u>appliances</u>, chemicals, building materials, <u>equipment or parts thereof</u>, fiber, machinery, metal, <u>scrap metal</u>, rags, rubber, paper, plastics, <u>lumber or [AND]</u> wood, that cannot without further alteration and reconditioning be used for their original purposes.

<u>Junk or [S]salvage yard</u> means any <u>parcel, tract or</u> lot or portion thereof [OF A LOT] that is used for the purpose of the outdoor storage, handling, dismantling, wrecking, keeping or sale of <u>junk or salvage</u>. [USED, DISCARDED, WRECKED OR ABANDONED AIRPLANES, APPLIANCES, VEHICLES, BOATS, BUILDINGS, BUILDING MATERIALS, MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT OR PARTS THEREOF, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCRAP METALS, WOOD, LUMBER, PLASTICS, FIBER OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION].

[RUBBISH MEANS ALL SOLID WASTE REFUSE INCLUDING GARBAGE, JUNK, COMBUSTIBLE WASTES AND NONCOMBUSTIBLE WASTES.]

Waste means useless, superfluous or discarded material.

- A. Liquid waste means any putrescible or other waste, whether combustible or noncombustible, with sufficient liquid content to be free-flowing, excluding liquids containing hazardous wastes as defined and regulated by federal, state or other municipal laws.
- B. Solid waste means any putrescible or other waste, whether combustible or noncombustible, with insufficient liquid content to be free-flowing, including but not limited to garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish, ashes, junk or salvage, animal excreta, other tangible material, and other unwanted or discarded matter, [WITH INSUFFICIENT LIQUID CONTENT TO BE FREE-FLOWING] excluding solids containing hazardous wastes as defined and regulated by federal, state or other municipal laws.

(GAAB 18.15.010, 18.20.020, 18.20.050; CAC 8.10.010, 8.10.050; AO No. 79-63; AO No. 92-129(S); AO No. 97-109(S), § 1, 8-26-97)

<u>Section 3.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code section 15.20.010 is hereby further amended by adding the following definitions to read as follows:

 Department as used in this chapter means the appropriate municipal agency, including the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Development Services, Planning Department, Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility, or the Anchorage Police Department, responsible for regulating public nuisances, which may depend upon the type or location of the public nuisance.

Director as used in this chapter means the agency head or designee of the appropriate municipal agency.

Particulate matter means finely divided solid or liquid particles in the air or in an emission, including but not limited to dust, smoke, fumes, spray and fog.

Putrescible waste means organic waste, including human or animal parts, excrement or bodily fluids, which is capable of being decomposed by microorganisms.

Refuse containers means all garbage cans, dumpsters, or similar containers designed and used to hold waste.

Wastewater means water contaminated by human or animal excreta, food wastes, sewage, washwater and other liquid wastes discharged into water-carried sewage disposal systems, excluding liquids containing hazardous wastes as defined and regulated by federal, state or other municipal laws.

(GAAB 18.15.010, 18.20.020, 18.20.050; CAC 8.10.010, 8.10.050; AO No. 79-63; AO No. 92-129(S); AO No. 97-109(S), § 1, 8-26-97)

Section 4. Anchorage Municipal Code section 15.20.020 is hereby amended to read as follows: (*The remainder of this section is not affected and is therefore not set out.*)

15.20.020 Public nuisances prohibited; enumeration.

- A. No person shall allow, maintain or permit a public nuisance to exist or allow, maintain or permit recurrence of a public nuisance. Such existence, allowance, maintenance, permitting or recurrence of a public nuisance is a violation of this chapter.
- B. Public nuisances include, but are not limited to, the following acts and conditions:

- 1. Abandoned and unoccupied buildings. Vacant, unoccupied or abandoned buildings, except those that have been boarded up at all doors, windows and other openings sufficiently to prevent ingress or otherwise secured as required in applicable sections of title 23[, ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE].
- 2. Attractive nuisances. Attractive nuisances dangerous to children in the form of abandoned or broken equipment, hazardous pools or ponds or excavations, neglected machinery or abandoned refrigerators, freezers, or other major appliances [ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE].
- 3. Dangerous excavations. Any swimming pool or other dangerous excavation in the earth, including but not limited to a gravel pit, kept, maintained or permitted to be in an uncovered, unprotected or otherwise dangerous or hazardous condition, except for excavations having the slope ratios required in title 23 [, IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE].
- 4. Disposal of solid or liquid waste [REFUSE] on another's property. No person shall [MAY] deposit or place solid or liquid waste [GARBAGE, RUBBISH, ASHES OR OTHER REFUSE] upon a street, alley or municipal [MUNICIPALLY OWNED] property, or upon any property owned by another or in a refuse container owned by another except with the written consent of the owner and for the purpose of collection.
- 5. <u>Disposition and handling of solid or liquid waste</u> [GARBAGE, JUNK AND RUBBISH]. The following are public nuisances:
 - a. The burning of solid or liquid waste [GARBAGE, RUBBISH OR DEBRIS], or the emission from any stack or chimney of any smoke, soot, particulate or gaseous matter in a manner that is noxious, harmful or abnormally bothersome to the public.
 - b. Discarding or placing any solid or liquid waste [GARBAGE, JUNK, RUBBISH, MANURE OR OTHER WASTES] upon public property not set aside by law as a refuse disposal site or sanitary fill. [OR UPON ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY NOT MAINTAINED AS A JUNK OR SALVAGE YARD

IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL LAW. NO OWNER, LESSEE, AGENT OR OCCUPANT SHALL ALLOW OR PERMIT ANY JUNK TO REMAIN ON ANY PROPERTY OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY HIM THAT IS NOT MAINTAINED AS A JUNK OR SALVAGE YARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL LAW NOR FAIL TO MAINTAIN PREMISES SUBJECT TO HIS CONTROL FREE OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH, JUNK, OR OTHER WASTES IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.]

- c. Discarding, placing or maintaining any junk or salvage upon any private property that is not an authorized junk or salvage yard in accordance with applicable federal, state and local law. The owner, lessee, agent or occupant of any private property not maintained as a junk or salvage yard in accordance with applicable federal, state and local law, shall not allow nor permit any junk or salvage to remain on the property, nor fail to maintain the property free of wastes, in a manner approved by the department.
- d[C]. Storage of garbage except in tightly covered, washable [OR OTHER] refuse containers or sealed garbage bags approved by the department, or in the case of solid waste that can be further categorized as junk or salvage, storage in an unsecured manner. Containers shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition by the owner.
- e[D]. Transportation of <u>putrescible waste</u> [GARBAGE, SEWAGE, OR OTHER ORGANIC FILTH] except in tightly covered <u>washable</u> containers <u>or sealed garbage bags</u> to prevent <u>littering or leakage and access of insects</u>, rodents and other potential disease carriers.
- f[E]. Storage or maintenance of refuse containers, excluding dumpsters, [GARBAGE CANS, PACKING BOXES AND OTHER DEBRIS STORED] in front or side yards [AND] visible from public streets or alleys for unreasonable periods, seven days being prima facie evidence of an unreasonable period.

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Storage or maintenance of packing boxes, junk or waste in g. front or side yards visible from public streets for unreasonable periods, seven days being prima facie evidence of an unreasonable period.

Litter. 6.

- No person shall deposit, dump, abandon, throw, scatter or a. transport solid or liquid waste [OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL] in any manner as to cause the littering of any public or private property, street, alley, ditch, drain, watercourse or gutter.
- No person shall operate, drive, cause or permit to be driven or b. operated any motor vehicle carrying solid or liquid waste [OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL] unless such motor vehicle is constructed, loaded and operated in such a manner as to prevent such solid or liquid waste [OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL] from spilling, dropping, leaking, sifting, blowing or accidentally escaping from the vehicle.
- No person shall operate, drive, cause or permit to be operated c. or driven any motor vehicle carrying solid or liquid waste [OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL] that is reasonably capable of blowing out or falling from the vehicle unless such vehicle uses while in transit a suitable cover that effectively prevents the loss of such solid or liquid waste [OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL] that will not be easily torn, shredded or broken under normal use, and that is either an integral part of the vehicle or a separate cover of suitable materials with fasteners designed to secure all sides of the cover to the vehicle.
- No person shall operate, drive, cause or permit to be operated d. or driven any motor vehicle transporting particulate matter reasonably capable of becoming airborne without either covering such particulate matter as required in subsection B.6.c of this section or complying with the applicable fugitive emission guidelines as provided pursuant to AMCR 15.35.090.

- e. No person shall operate, drive or cause or permit to be operated or driven any motor vehicle from which [LITTER,] solid <u>or liquid</u> waste [OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL] is deposited or lost or has escaped unless the operator or the owner or operator's designated agent promptly picks up such [LITTER,] solid <u>or liquid</u> waste [OR OTHER TANGIBLE MATERIAL] and cleans the affected area as soon as reasonably possible.
- f. No person having the care as owner, lessee, agent or occupant of any premises shall deposit, store or keep on his property any solid <u>or liquid</u> waste except in a clean and sanitary manner, in a closed or covered <u>refuse</u> container and in accordance with all other applicable provisions of this Code and all other federal and state laws and regulations.
- g. It shall be a rebuttable presumption that the owner of a motor vehicle operated in violation of subsections a through f of this subsection has caused or permitted the operation or driving of that motor vehicle.
- [H. NO PERSON SHALL BE PROHIBITED BY THIS SECTION FROM DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE MATTER, LITTER AND OTHER SOLID WASTE ON HIS OWN PROPERTY SO LONG AS THAT PERSON COMPLIES WITH THIS AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THIS CODE AND ALL OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.]
- 7. <u>Wastewater and other [SEWAGE] discharges</u>. The discharge or exposure of <u>wastewater</u>, <u>liquid waste</u>. [SEWAGE,] garbage or other <u>putrescible waste</u> [ORGANIC FILTH] to people, insects, rodents or other animals in such a way that the transmission of infective material may result thereby [IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE].
- 8. Soot, cinders, noxious acids, fumes and gas. Causing or permitting the escape of such quantities of soot, cinders, noxious acids, fumes and gases in such place or manner as to be detrimental to any person or the public, endanger the health, comfort and safety of any such person or of the public, or cause or have a tendency to cause injury

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or damage to property or business [IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE]. The escape of such matter is a public nuisance and may be summarily abated by the department.

- 9. *Unsafe buildings*. Buildings or parts thereof in a condition that may endanger the life, safety or health of persons frequenting such buildings or parts thereof and that do not conform to the applicable requirements of title 23 [ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE].
- 10. Unsanitary handling of food. Any establishment handling, processing or serving food and kept in an unsanitary condition or having unapproved water supply, sewage disposal or solid waste disposal facilities or employing persons having any communicable disease, or where the presence of rats, mice, vermin or insects is evident[, IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE].
- 11. Unsightly premises. Property including but not limited to building exteriors maintained in such condition as to become so defective or unsightly or in such condition of deterioration or disrepair that the property causes appreciable diminution of the property values of surrounding property or is materially detrimental to proximal properties and improvements [IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE]. This includes but is not limited to the keeping or disposing of or the scattering over the property or premises of any waste, lumber, [JUNK, TRASH OR DEBRIS; ABANDONED, DISCARDED] or unused objects of equipment such as automobiles, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, cans or containers; stagnant water or excavations; or any device, decoration, design, fence, structure, clothesline or vegetation that is unsightly by reason of its condition or its inappropriate location.
 - 12. Vehicles. [THE FOLLOWING ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES:]
 - a. A vehicle abandoned in contravention of Section 15.20.030.
 - b. Storage of a junk vehicle in public view within the municipality for five days or more in contravention of Section 15.20.050.
 - c. A vehicle operated in a manner which fails to stop when a police officer gives the operator a visual or audible signal to bring the vehicle to a stop and eludes a pursuing police officer in contravention of Section 9.28.011. A vehicle which is a nuisance under this subsection may be abated through

impoundment or forfeiture either in court or in a proceeding under Title 14. Forfeiture may be ordered as a remedy only if the same vehicle has, while owned by the same person, previously been impounded as a nuisance vehicle under this section. In lieu of forfeiture, the municipality may elect to impose a fine of \$1,500.00 on the vehicle owner allowing the owner to retain possession of the vehicle. If probable cause to believe that a vehicle was used in violation of Section 9.28.011 is shown, the court or hearing officer shall order seizure of the vehicle pending a hearing and decision on the merits and may set bail for release of the vehicle. An application for an order of impoundment pending a hearing and a showing of probable cause for such impoundment may be made by ex parte presentation to a magistrate or hearing officer in the same manner as an application for a warrant.

13. Visible emissions.

- a. Except as otherwise provided in AMCR 15.35, no person shall cause, suffer, permit or allow the emission of any air contaminant that is greater than 20 percent opacity from any equipment for a period or aggregating more than three minutes in any one hour.
- b. The opacity of an air contaminant shall be measured at the point of emission, except when the point of emission cannot be readily observed, in which case it may be determined at an observable point of the plume nearest the point of emission.
- c. This section shall not apply when the presence of water vapor or steam condensate is the only reason the emission fails to meet the requirements of this section.
- 14. After-hours clubs. [A STRUCTURE WHICH IS USED AS AN AFTER-HOURS CLUB IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE.] An after-hours club, for the purposes of this section, is an enterprise involving the unlicensed sale or dispensing of alcoholic beverages or permitting gambling as provided in Section 8.60.040.
- C. No person shall be prohibited by this section from disposing of solid or liquid waste on their own property so long as that person complies with this chapter and all other applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws.

(GAAB 16.68.110, 18.15.020, 18.15.030, 18.20.030, 18.20.060; CAC 8.10.020, 8.10.050; AO No. 113-76; AO No. 78-48; AO No. 79-63; AO No. 93-173(S), § 3, 2-24-94; AO No. 95-42, § 3, 3-23-95; AO No. 2001-145(S-1), § 12, 12-11-01)

<u>Section 5.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 15.20 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

15.20.110 Inspections; right of entry.

- A. Subject to subsection B of this section, the director may at any reasonable time and upon presentation of proper identification, enter upon and inspect any land, building or premises where reasonable cause exists that there has been or is a violation of this chapter, or enter upon such land, building or premises to perform a duty of the director under this chapter.
- B. Where federal or state law so requires, the director shall obtain an administrative search warrant authorizing an inspection and exhibit the warrant to the owner, agent or occupant of the premises before conducting the inspection. The director shall apply to the State of Alaska trial courts to obtain an inspection warrant, stating the name and address of the premises to be inspected, the authority to conduct the inspection, the nature and extent of the inspection and the facts and circumstances justifying the inspection. Warrants issued under this section shall be returned within ten (10) days.

<u>Section 6.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 15.20 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

15.20.120 Enforcement actions and appeal procedures.

A. In addition to notice of violation or citation or other enforcement actions, the director may issue an enforcement order to any person who violates the provisions of this chapter. The enforcement order may be issued by personal service or certified mail to the violator's last known address according to Municipal Assessor's property records, or if the violator's address or identity is unknown, by posting a dated and signed placard in a conspicuous place on each parcel of property containing the public nuisance. The enforcement order may be issued to more than one person for the same public nuisance, including the property owner, occupant of the property, agent of the property owner, and the person who causes or

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- maintains the public nuisance, for all such persons are jointly and severally liable for the public nuisance.
- В. An enforcement order shall identify the violator and the property where the public nuisance is located, briefly describe the nature of the public nuisance, and list the provisions of this chapter that have been violated. The enforcement order shall require the abatement of the public nuisance within no less than 15 days of service of the enforcement order, or the violator shall be subject to specified fines, penalties, costs and other remedies for each violation of this chapter, and for each day the violation continues. If a significant public health hazard exists, clean-up may be required less than 15 days from the date of service. The enforcement order shall inform the violator that if the public nuisance is not abated within the designated time period, and the violator does not enter into a written compliance agreement with the department which extends the abatement deadline, the municipality may abate the violation and assess the abatement costs and any administrative fees to the violator or violators, who are all jointly and severally liable. The enforcement order shall also give notice that if the violator commits a similar offense within one year of service of the enforcement order, even if the similar type of public nuisance occurs on a different property parcel, the violator shall be subject to enhanced fines, penalties, costs and other remedies, as provided for in this chapter. A description of the Administrative Hearing Office appeal procedure shall also be provided with the enforcement order.
- C. An enforcement order is final with respect to a violator who does not appeal to the Administrative Hearing Office within 15 days of its service in accordance with 14.30.050, unless a written compliance agreement is entered into between the department and the violator or the violator has abated the public nuisance to the satisfaction of the department. Once an enforcement order is final, the department may file a notice of violation of the enforcement order with and seek a compliance order from the Administrative Hearing Office, which may include abatement of the public nuisance if it still exists.
- D. If a timely appeal is not taken to the superior court from an Administrative Hearing Officer's final decision, and the violator has not complied with the Administrative Hearing Officer's compliance order, the municipality may file a civil action with the superior court to seek enforcement of the Administrative Hearing Officer's compliance order.

E. An enforcement order need not be issued before other legal action is commenced with respect to a violation of this chapter, including filing an original action in court. Also, the pendency of any proceeding regarding an enforcement order does not stay any other legal action with respect to a violation that is the subject of the enforcement order. Whether the department proceeds with any other legal action shall depend upon, but not be limited to, the nature of the public nuisance, the danger to the public health which the public nuisance presents, the condition or deterioration of the premises, or the time reasonably necessary to take required action.

<u>Section 7.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code chapter 15.20 is hereby amended by adding a new section to read as follows:

15.20.130 Penalties and remedies.

- A. In addition to other legal action and remedies provided in this chapter and other related provisions of the Anchorage Municipal Code, the department may seek any or all of the following remedies:
 - Enjoin or abate a violation of this chapter.
 - 2. Recover the costs of abatement.
 - 3. Recover damages suffered because of the violation.
 - 4. Recover a fine as set forth in section 14.60.030, or if no fine is set forth in section 14.60.030, a fine of not less than \$100 for each day in violation, including for days in which the public nuisance continues or is not fully abated after an enforcement order is issued.
 - 5. Assess up to double the amount of fine, penalty, costs and damages for a second or subsequent offense committed within one year of service of an enforcement order, even if the offense occurs on a different property parcel. For purposes of this subsection a second or subsequent offense must be categorized the same as the original offense, as identified in subsection 15.20.020B.
 - 6. Recover a civil penalty not exceeding \$2,000 for each violation.
 - B. The department shall keep an account of the cost, including incidental expenses, incurred by the municipality in the abatement of any violation of

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this section. A bill for collection shall be forwarded to the violator specifying the nature and costs of the work performed. For purposes of this section, the term "incidental expenses" shall include but not be limited to the actual expenses and costs to the municipality in the preparation of the notices, specifications, contracts, work inspection, and interest from date of completion at the rate prescribed by law for delinquent real property taxes.

- C. The remedies provided in this section are not exclusive, but are cumulative of all other remedies available at law or in equity.
- A person who lives or owns real property located within 300 feet of a D. public nuisance may recover money damages from the owner of that property. An action under this subsection may be made only in the small claims court of the state of Alaska and is subject to the jurisdiction and procedures of that court. No action may be brought under this subsection unless the plaintiff first delivers written notice to the municipal manager and the owner of the subject property advising of the violation and that party's intent to bring action under this subsection within 30 days if the violation is not corrected or the municipality has not commenced its own enforcement actions within that time. Upon proof by a preponderance of the evidence that a public nuisance exists or has existed on the property thirty or more days after written notice was given to the owner, the court shall award damages to the plaintiff in a minimum amount of \$50 for every day that violation exists and in such additional amounts as the plaintiff may prove he or she is entitled.

<u>Section 8.</u> Anchorage Municipal Code section 14.60.030 is hereby amended to read as follows (the remainder of the section is not affected and is therefore not set out):

14.60.030 Fine schedule.

The fine schedule under this chapter is as follows:

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15.20.020 Public nuisances prohibited:

A. Allow, maintain, or permit a public nuisance, except B.6.a. and B.12.c.

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[ALLOWING ONE TO EXIST 50.00 - 300.00] First offense 50.00 - 300.00Second and subsequent offenses 200.00 - 600.00

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1 MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE 2 3 ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM 4 5 **AM No.** 740-2003 6 7 Meeting Date: September 23, 2003 8 From: Mayor 9 10 Subject: AO 2003 -130 Amendments to Anchorage Municipal Code 15.20 Regarding **Public Nuisances** 11 12 13 14 Chapter 15.20 is used continually and regularly by environmental health code enforcement officers investigating and resolving complaints about public nuisances. 15 16 These include overflowing dumpsters, litter and other improperly discarded solid waste 17 on private property, unsightly premises and accumulations of materials offering pest 18 harborage. The proposed code change was developed to facilitate understanding on the 19 part of people responsible for situations which are a public nuisance and to facilitate 20 mitigation of public nuisances by code enforcement officers within the community. 21 22 Several definitions have been modified and new ones added for clarification and to provide continuity of terms within the ordinance. Modified definitions include those for 23 24 junk and salvage and waste. New definitions include particulate matter, putrescible waste 25 and wastewater. A number of sections have been modified by adding clarifying language 26 or deleting vague or redundant terms. In addition, the current code prohibits allowing a 27 public nuisance to exist. A provision has been added to prohibit recurrence. It is anticipated this will save time and other resources now spent in resolving situations 28 wherein complaints are received, a site is cleaned up, but subsequent complaints are 29 30 received because clean up is necessary again and again at the same site. The proposal 31 also adds sections addressing enforcement for situations in which public health education 32 and other efforts do not lead to voluntary abatement of the nuisance. 33 34 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RECOMMENDS 35 APPROVAL OF AO 2003-130, Amendments to AMC 15.20 regarding public nuisances. 36 37 38

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