

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

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Article 1 INTERPRETATION

1025.1.1 Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer - defined

“Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer” means a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer or Weed Inspector appointed by the Commissioner of Planning and Development of the Corporation for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Chapter or of the *Weed Control Act*. By-law 145-08, 14 July, 2008.

1025.1.2 Corporation - defined

“Corporation” means The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill.

1025.1.3 Owner - defined

“owner” means the owner, occupant, or person in charge of the premises.

1025.1.4 Premises - defined

“premises” means the building, any grounds, yard or vacant lot.

Article 2 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1025.2.1 Property owner - required to cut grass - weeds

Every owner of a private property in the Town shall cut the grass and weeds on the premises and remove the cuttings whenever the growth of the grass or weeds exceeds twenty centimetres in height between May 1 and October 15 in each calendar year.

1025.2.2 Notice to comply - premises not maintained

Where any premises are not maintained in accordance with the requirements of Section 1025.2.1, the Corporation may give the owner a notice, in writing, directing the owner of the premises to make the premises conform to the requirements of this Chapter and the notice shall specify the time allowed for bringing the premises into conformity but in no event shall the time specified in the notice be sooner than seventy-two hours after the giving of the notice.

1025.2.3 Notice to comply - delivery - when deemed served

The notice from the Corporation may be either delivered to the owner in person, or mailed by registered mail to the last known address of the owner and shall be deemed to have been given on the day it is delivered to that address.

1025.2.4 Failure to comply - work done by Corporation

Where an owner, having been served with the notice referred to in Section 1025.2.2, fails to comply with the notice, a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer or the Corporation's employees or agents authorized for this purpose may, upon producing appropriate identification, enter onto the premises between sunrise and sunset and carry out the work described in the notice.

1025.2.5 Recovery of costs - work by Corporation - deemed taxes

Where the Corporation has performed the work set out in the notice, the expenses incurred by the Corporation in doing the work, together with administrative fees, shall be deemed to be taxes and may be collected by action or in like manner as municipal taxes.

1025.2.6 Contravention - obstruction - offence - person

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Chapter, or who obstructs or attempts to obstruct a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer or an employee or agent of the Corporation in carrying out his or her duties under this Chapter is guilty of an offence.

1025.2.7 Contravention - obstruction - offence - corporation

Where a corporation commits an offence under this Chapter, every director and officer of the corporation who knowingly concurs in the commission of the offence is guilty of an offence.

Article 3 ENFORCEMENT

1025.3.1 Fine - for contravention

Every person who commits an offence pursuant to this Chapter is liable, upon conviction, to a maximum fine as established pursuant to the *Provincial Offences Act*. By-law 217-96, 15 July, 1996.