



STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

COMMISSIONERS' COURT  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

### ORDER

Be it Remembered that on the 31st day of March, 2014 the following order was entered pursuant to Resolution of the Commissioners' Court of Jefferson County dated the 31st day of March 2014.

It is hereby ORDERED that the **Jefferson Regulations** which were adopted by Resolution of Commissioners Court on March 31, 2014 and which are:

1. Every wrecking yard, salvage yard, junkyard, recycling business and outdoor resale business in the unincorporated area of Jefferson County is hereby ordered to comply with the visual aesthetic standards required pursuant to Subchapter 396.021 (a) and (b) and 396.022, Texas Transportation Code, which are:

Each such business regulated herein shall screen the junkyard, salvage yard, wrecking yard or recycling business or outdoor resale business with a solid barrier fence at least eight feet high. The fence must be painted a natural earth tone color and may not have any sign appear on its surface other than a sign indicating the business name.

2. The businesses regulated herein, except for wrecking yards, salvage yards and junkyards used only for farm equipment, shall not be located within 50 feet of the right-of-way of a public street, state highway or residence.

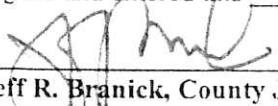
A person may not accumulate or stack materials associated with the business higher than eight feet above ground level.

### PENALTY

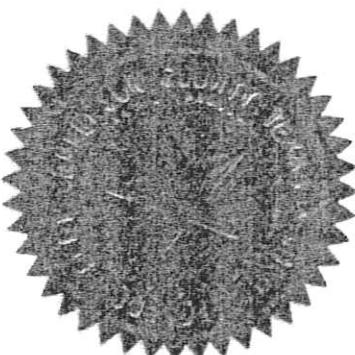
A person who knowingly violates either section 1. or 2. hereinabove is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. It is further ORDERED that any and all orders previously entered by Jefferson County which are in conflict with this Order are hereby expressly repealed.

Each business affected by this Order shall have up to 12 months from date of this Order to comply with these regulations.

Signed and entered this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2014.

  
Jeff R. Branick, County Judge

Attested to:  
By: Jeff R. Branick - County Judge



part of the road, street, way, thoroughfare, or bridge is open to the public for vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

(8) "Receptacle" means a container that is composed of durable material and designed to prevent the discharge of its contents and to make its contents inaccessible to animals, vermin, or other pests.

(9) "Refuse" means garbage, rubbish, paper, and other decayable and nondecayable waste, including vegetable matter and animal and fish carcasses.

(10) "Rubbish" means nondecayable waste from a public or private establishment or residence.

(11) "Weeds" means all rank and uncultivated vegetable growth or matter that:

(A) has grown to more than 36 inches in height; or

(B) may create an unsanitary condition or become a harborage for rodents, vermin, or other disease-carrying pests, regardless of the height of the weeds.

(12) "Flea market" means an outdoor or indoor market, conducted on non-residential premises, for selling secondhand articles or antiques, unless conducted by a religious, educational, fraternal, or charitable organization.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989. Amended by Acts 1991, 72nd Leg., ch. 499, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1991.

Amended by:

Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. , Sec. 1, eff. June 15, 2007.

Acts 2009, 81st Leg., R.S., Ch. , Sec. 12.004, eff. September 1, 2009.

Sec. 343.003. EFFECT OF CHAPTER ON OTHER STATE LAW. This chapter does not affect a right, remedy, or penalty under other state law.

Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, Sec. 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.

#### SUBCHAPTER B. PUBLIC NUISANCE PROHIBITED

Sec. 343.011. PUBLIC NUISANCE. (a) This section applies only to the unincorporated area of a county.

(b) A person may not cause, permit, or allow a public nuisance under this section.

(c) A public nuisance is:

(1) keeping, storing, or accumulating refuse on premises in a neighborhood unless the refuse is entirely contained in a closed receptacle;

(2) keeping, storing, or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires, and cans, on premises in a neighborhood or within 300 feet of a public street for 10 days or more, unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street;

(3) maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests;

(4) allowing weeds to grow on premises in a neighborhood if the weeds are located within 300 feet of another residence or commercial establishment;

(5) maintaining a building in a manner that is structurally unsafe or constitutes a hazard to safety, health, or public welfare because of inadequate maintenance, unsanitary conditions, dilapidation, obsolescence, disaster, damage, or abandonment or because it constitutes a fire hazard;

(6) maintaining on abandoned and unoccupied property in a neighborhood a swimming pool that is not protected with:

(A) a fence that is at least four feet high and that has a latched and locked gate; and

(B) a cover over the entire swimming pool that cannot be removed by a child;

(7) maintaining on any property in a neighborhood in a county with a population of more than 1.1 million a swimming pool that is not protected with:

(A) a fence that is at least four feet high and that has a latched gate that cannot be opened by a child; or

(B) a cover over the entire swimming pool that cannot be removed by a child;

(8) maintaining a flea market in a manner that constitutes a fire hazard;

1, 2009.

Sec. 343.0111. SPECIAL EXCEPTION OR VARIANCE TO PUBLIC NUISANCE CLASSIFICATION. (a) The commissioners court of a county by order may:

(1) describe the circumstances in which a special exception to the application of Section 343.011 is available to a person and may grant the special exception in a specific case if the commissioners court finds that the specific case fits within the special exception, that the grant of the exception promotes justice, that the grant of the exception is not contrary to the public interest, and that the grant of the exception is consistent with the general purpose of Section 343.011; and

(2) authorize in a specific case not covered by a special exception a variance from the terms of Section 343.011 if the commissioners court makes the same findings in connection with the specific case that it makes in connection with a special exception under Subdivision (1) and finds that due to special conditions a literal enforcement of Section 343.011 would result in an unnecessary hardship.

(b) The commissioners court shall keep a record of its proceedings under this section and must include in the record a showing of the reasons for each decision made under this section.

Added by Acts 1995, 74th Leg., ch. 771, Sec. 3, eff. Aug. 28, 1995.

Amended by Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 752, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

Sec. 343.012. CRIMINAL PENALTY. (a) A person commits an offense if:

(1) the person violates Section 343.011(b); and  
(2) the nuisance remains unabated after the 30th day after the date on which the person receives notice from a county official, agent, or employee to abate the nuisance.

(b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$200.

(c) If it is shown on the trial of the defendant that the defendant has been previously convicted of an offense under this section, the defendant is punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000, confinement in jail for not more than six months,