



Rockdale County Board of Commissioners

Priority:
RUSH/30/60/90

Agenda Item Summary: Item

MEETING DATE:

Requesting Department
Planning & Development

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*
2nd Reading and Action by the BOC (Case No. TXT 2016-08)

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*
Sec. 78 of the Code of Rockdale County

Is this Item Goal Related? *(If yes, describe how this action meets the specific Board of Commissioners Focus Area or Goal)*

Yes No Sustainability & Community

Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Department recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

The proposed text amendment will amend Section 13 of Chapter 78 to clarify the definition of high grass and weeds.

The Department of Planning & Development recommends approval of the proposed Ordinance.

October 4, 2016 – Work Session

October 11, 2016 - 1st Reading

October 18, 2016 – Work Session

October 25, 2016 – 2nd Reading & Action

Fiscal Impact / Funding Source *(Include projected cost, approved budget amount and account number, source of funds, and any future funding requirements.)*

N/A

Exhibits Attached *(Provide copies of originals, number exhibits consecutively, and label all exhibits in the upper right corner.)*

(1) Final Ordinance

Source of Additional Information *(Type Name, Title, Department and Phone)*

Kirsten Cook, Planner, Planning & Development, 770.278.7140

Department Head/Director's Approval

Typed Name and Title
Marshall Walker, Director

Phone
770.278.7135

Signature
Marshall W. Walker

Date
10/11/2016

Chief of Staff
Approval

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SUBPART A, GENERAL ORDINANCES, OF THE CODE OF ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 13 OF CHAPTER 78 SOLID WASTE AND WEEDS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING LAWS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Rockdale County seeks to establish a just balance between the rights of owners of property and the public interest of all the citizens of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Rockdale County intends to facilitate the creation of a convenient, attractive, and harmonious community; and

WHEREAS, the following amendments will clarify the definition of high grass and weeds by replacing the current description with an objective measurement in height;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of same as follows:

Section I

That Section 78-13 of the Code of Ordinances of Rockdale County, Georgia, is hereby amended so as to delete said subsection in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain, cause or permit the accumulation of litter or uncut grass or weeds on any parcel, tract or lot of real property under such circumstances that the litter or uncut grass or weeds exceeds a height of ten inches or becomes a nuisance or health hazard, or where such is unreasonably unsightly. It shall be the final responsibility of the property title holder to ensure that any parcel, tract or lot of real property located in the unincorporated area of the county is maintained in a manner protective of public safety, health and general welfare.

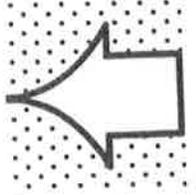
Section II

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section III

That this Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

This _____ day of _____, 2016.



**ROCKDALE COUNTY, GEORGIA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Richard A. Oden, Chairman and CEO

Osborn Nesbitt, Sr., Commissioner Post I

Dr. Doreen Williams, Commissioner Post II

Attest:

By: _____
Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

By: _____
M. Qader A. Baig, County Attorney

First reading: _____

Second reading: _____