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Preamble

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Every building or portion thereof which is being used as a dwelling, home or residence shall be kept by the owner or landlord thereof in a clean, neat and habitable condition in order to prevent the premises from becoming a nuisance. No owner or landlord shall allow a dwelling to become dilapidated, permit weeds or other vegetation to grow higher than **eight inches** in height or allow trash, rubbish or refuse to accumulate on the property to such an extent that a nuisance is created which is injurious to the health, safety or welfare of the occupants of the dwelling or of the inhabitants of the City. **Storage of wood piles for burning purposes shall be elevated a minimum of twelve inches off the ground and stored in the rear yard.**

If the owner has leased or rented the dwelling to another person and the duty to keep the premises in a proper condition rests upon such renter, tenant or lessee, then the obligations of this chapter shall fall upon such renter, tenant or lessee. However, if the renter, tenant or lessee neglects their duty, the responsibility reverts to the owner or landlord to keep the dwelling, home or residence clean, neat and in a habitable condition in order to prevent the premises from becoming a nuisance.

Section 2. Saving Clause. Nothing in this Ordinance or in the Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this Ordinance be held in a manner invalid by any court or competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such work, sentence, phrase or any portion of the Ordinance held to be so invalid shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this Ordinance.

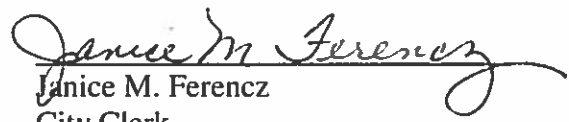
Section 4. Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Southgate inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby expressly repealed.

Authentication

This is to certify that the undersigned do hereby authenticate the foregoing record of the ordinance herein set forth.



Joseph G. Kuspa
Mayor



Janice M. Ferencz
City Clerk

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