

## Chapter 117

### NUISANCES

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Grottoes 2-3-1970 as Title 20 of the 1970 Ordinances of the Town of Grottoes; amended in its entirety 10-11-1993. Subsequent amendments noted where applicable.]**

**§ 117-1. Declaration of nuisances.** [Amended 7-8-1996]

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or organization to create or maintain a nuisance on any public or private property within the Town. A nuisance shall be defined as any thing that endangers life or health, gives offense to the senses, violates normal bounds of decency or obstructs the reasonable and comfortable use of property. The term "nuisance" shall include, but not be limited to, accumulations of offensive, unsanitary or unhealthy substances in or on any place or premises; portions of any lot adjacent to a street where the difference in level between the lot and the street constitutes a danger to life and limb; unsafe, dangerous or unsanitary public or private building, walls or structures; or use of any public place or property of any description in a manner not permitted to the general public without prior consent of the Town.

**§ 117-2. Violations and penalties.** [Amended 7-8-1996]

- A. Violation of this chapter shall constitute a Class 1 Misdemeanor, with a fine as provided in § 1-7, General penalty, of Chapter 1, General Provisions. Each day's continuance of the nuisance shall be a separate offense.
- B. Whenever the Chief of Police determines that a nuisance exists, a notice of violation of this chapter shall be sent to the home or business address of the person or organization creating or maintaining such nuisance, except in the case of use of public property without prior consent of the Town. In such case, notice shall not be necessary and the person or organization creating or maintaining such nuisance shall be guilty of a Class 1 Misdemeanor, with a fine as provided in § 1-7, General penalty, of Chapter 1, General Provisions. Each day's continuance of the nuisance shall be a separate offense.

**§ 117-3. Abatement of nuisances; lien.**

If a nuisance, other than the use of public property without permission, is not abated, removed or corrected within 10 days of notice of conviction, the Chief of Police may order the nuisance removed or corrected by his own agents or employees. The cost of expense of such removal shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner or owners of such property or the person or organization creating or maintaining the nuisance on public property and may be collected by the Town as taxes and levies are collected and shall constitute a lien against private property.