

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; ADDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE III, SECTION 16-56 "CLEAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVE" AND; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida prohibits any objects or conditions defined as a nuisance from being kept or maintained upon any private or public property within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of objects or conditions defined as a nuisance contribute to the slum and blight that negatively impact the community and contribute to the increase in crime; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce finds it necessary to take appropriate action to abate such nuisance conditions thus reducing the effect of slum and blight in the neighborhood; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida:

SECTION 1. Sec. 16-56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, is hereby added so that the same shall read hereinafter as follows:

Sec. 16-56. Clean Community Initiative.

A) In an effort to curb the onslaught of blighted conditions throughout the community, the City has created a Clean Community Initiative. The Clean Community Initiative is intended to provide direct remediation of nuisance conditions that create a hazard to the life, health and safety of the community, contribute to an increase in criminal activity and overall reduce property values and community pride. Such nuisances include, but are not limited to, addressing life, health, safety issues such as securing pools and vacant structures, landscape maintenance, graffiti abatement, and removal of non-operative vehicles. Abatement measures shall be in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sec. 16-49 – Sec. 16-51 of this Chapter.

B) In addition to the abatement of slum and blight, the Clean Community Initiative shall contain an enhancement element whereby steps are taken to make a positive contribution to the City either through a specific beautification project or by providing financial assistance to a group or organization that works directly toward beautifying the community.

C) To provide funding for the Clean Community Initiative there shall be created a Clean Community Fee. The fee shall be set by Resolution as approved by the City Commission.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are and the same shall be repealed and shall be of no further force or effect whatsoever.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance is and the same shall become effective immediately upon final passage hereof.

Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda W. Cox
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

Robert V. Schwerer, Esquire
City Attorney