

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

### **NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROGRAM**

**(956) 292-7007**

**1124 N. M Road  
Edinburg, Tx 78542**

The Executive Office Nuisance Abatement Program was created by The Hidalgo County Commissioners Court on 8-16-16 to assist county residents with nuisances in violation of the State of Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 343.011.

Hidalgo County adopted four public nuisances [THSC-343.011 C 3, 4, 9 & 11] to ensure owners maintain their property, which in turn helps to protect citizens' health, safety and welfare.

The Nuisance Abatement Program (aka - Code Enforcement) has a direct impact on preserving the livability and property values of Hidalgo County's neighborhoods by enforcing the following Health and Safety Code regulations:

- [ ] Unsanitary Condition [THSC-343.011(C) (3)]
- [ ] Weedy Lot [THSC-343.011 (C) (4) ]
- [ ] County Property [THSC-343.011 (C) (9)]
- [ ] Drainage Easement [THSC-343.011 (C) (11)]

### **HIDALGO COUNTY PRECINCTS**

Hidalgo County Pct. 1 (956) 968-8733  
Hidalgo County Pct. 2 (956) 787-1891  
Hidalgo County Pct. 3 (956) 585-4509  
Hidalgo County Pct. 4 (956) 383-3112

Violations pertaining to Health & Safety Code Chapter 343.011 with examples of violations that may apply:

1. Unsanitary Conditions – Maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or other disease carrying pests; (tires, furniture, appliance, garbage, construction materials, brush/tree piles, car parts, etc.)
2. Weedy Lot – Allowing weeds to grow on premises in a neighborhood if the weeds are located within 300 feet of another residence or commercial establishment; (allowing grass/brush to grown more than 36")
3. County Property – Discard refuse or creating a hazardous visual obstruction on: (A) county-owned land; or (B) land or easements owned or held by a special district that has the commissioners court of the county as its governing body; (includes construction on county right-of-ways such as buildings, fences, storage units etc. and blocking of road right-of- ways and road signs)
4. Drainage Easement – Filling or blocking a drainage easement, failing to maintain a drainage easement, maintaining a drainage easement in a manner that allows the easement to be clogged with debris, sediment, or vegetation, or violating an agreement with the county to improve or maintain a drainage easement; (blocking drainage or water flow along designated right-of-ways, bar ditches, swales, curb and gutters, etc.)

### **How do I report a Code Violation?**

Code Violation(s) are called into your corresponding Precinct Office, which will in turn create an electronic work-order/ticket. This work order is forwarded to the Nuisance Abatement Program division.

### **What is procedure for Code Enforcement Division?**

Nuisance Abatement personnel will inspect the complaint; and if violation exists under the departments' scope of assigned violations, attempts to notify property owner shall commence (in person, staking property, by certified mail and/or publication in local newspaper). After the given time to correct the violation, the property will be re-inspected and if violation still exists, case will be forwarded to corresponding precinct for abatement.

### **What should I do if I receive a Code Enforcement violation notice?**

Correct the violation before the given time, if you are unable to comply please contact the Nuisance Abatement Program office to discuss the violation.

### **What will happen if I do not correct violation?**

Corrective measures shall be taken by Hidalgo County to bring nuisance into compliance and shall invoice property owner accordingly for cleanup services. Payment (cashiers' check or money order) is made directly to the Hidalgo County Treasures office located at 2810 South Business Hwy. 281, Edinburg, Tx 78539. Should property owner not pay cleanup fee(s) a lien may be placed on the property.