

ORDINANCE NO. 03-03

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW MARKET

PROPERTY APPEARANCE

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Council of New Market have determined to enact this Ordinance for the purpose of protecting property values, promoting health and enhancing the general appearance of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF NEW MARKET AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. General. All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition and graffiti-free.

SECTION 2. Grass and Weeds. No person shall permit or allow any grass or weeds to grow on any land owned or occupied by such person to a height in excess of ten (10) inches above the ground. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, plants and vegetation, other than trees, shrubs, and cultivated flowers or gardens.

SECTION 3. Refuse. No person shall dump, throw, place, deposit, leave, accumulate or maintain refuse, on property owned or occupied by such person, except refuse in accordance with Town ordinances awaiting imminent collection, garden compost, or cut and stacked firewood. Refuse shall include, but is not limited to, brush, dead trees, branches, debris, yard waste, rubble, broken concrete or asphalt, junk, inoperative or dismantled vehicles, furniture (except patio furniture designed to be kept outdoors) mattresses, batteries, tires, shopping carts not kept for customer use on premises, junk machinery, appliances or components, and building materials or components not associated with construction or remodeling of improvements on the premises for which a current building permit is issued or pending.

SECTION 4. Rodents. All structures and exterior property shall be kept free from rodent harborage and infestation. Where rodents are found, they shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes that will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, proper precautions shall be taken to eliminate rodent harborage and prevent re-infestation.

SECTION 5. Motor Vehicles. No person shall store or permit to be stored on any property or premises any unlicensed, unregistered or inoperable motor vehicle or trailer, unless enclosed within a garage or other structure. Motor vehicles shall not be regularly kept or displayed for sale on any property or premises except as permitted by the Zoning Ordinance.

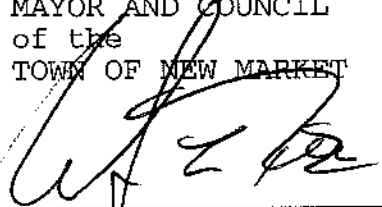
SECTION 6. Laundry Waste. No person shall cause or permit drainage, runoff or accumulation of lint from any laundry activity to be discharged directly or indirectly onto any public street, alley or way.

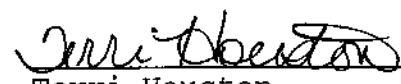
SECTION 7. Municipal Infraction. A violation of this ordinance shall be a municipal infraction. Each day a violation occurs or continues is deemed a separate offense. The penalty for each violation shall be Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

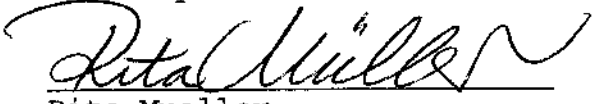
SECTION 8. Duties of Owner, Occupant. The owner of property shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of this ordinance, notwithstanding any lease, license, possession or occupancy by others. Each tenant or other occupant shall also be responsible for complying with this ordinance with respect to any part of the exterior of the property or premises which the occupant occupies or controls.

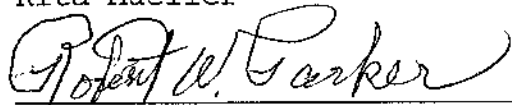
AND IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective on the 1st day of April, 2004.


By Order of the
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
of the
TOWN OF NEW MARKET

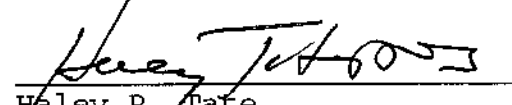

Winslow F. Burhans, III, Mayor


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Introduced: December 10, 2003

Enacted: January 14, 2004

Effective: April 1, 2004

ATTEST:

Patti Morrow
Patti Morrow, Town Clerk