

Excerpted from City of Seneca Ordinances

Chapter 6 – Animals and Fowl

Sec. 6-5. - Keeping of certain animals declared nuisance.

******The City of Seneca interprets this section as prohibiting the raising of farm animals including chickens within the city.******

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Code, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep or suffer to be kept any animal, domestic, wild or household pet, which, by the location of its place of keeping, its use, the animal's natural tendencies of conduct, or for any reason whatsoever, such keeping tends to cause a public nuisance or create an offensive or noxious condition or create, within the usual meaning of the terms, an "unsanitary" or "health menace" to the citizens of the city, and upon request by the police or city council of the city such animal shall be removed within five (5) days by the owner thereof from the limits of the city.

Sec. 6-23. - Running at large prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for an owner of any dog to permit such dog to be at large, off the premises or property of the owner, without keeping such dog under restraint, by a leash and in the control of a competent person.

Sec. 6-26. - Barking dogs a menace.

The howling or barking of any dog to such an extent or so continuously as to materially interfere with or affect the health, comfort, peace and quiet or dignity of the public is hereby declared to be a nuisance and any person harboring or keeping in his possession such animal who shall fail and refuse to take such action or do such things as will abate such nuisance when requested to do so by the mayor, city councilmen or the police shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

ARTICLE II. - LOT CLEANING^[2]

Sec. 13-19. - Required.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or to permit to be maintained any premises including vacant lots or land, except within a carport or completely enclosed building, upon which grass, weeds, undergrowth, trash, garbage, offal, stagnant water, building materials, glass, wood, household appliances, tools, inoperative lawncare equipment, broken, inoperative or discarded furniture or other household equipment, packing boxes, discarded clothing, junk metal, automobile parts, tires, inoperative boats, motorized equipment or machinery, building materials or other matter deleterious to good health and public sanitation which is permitted or caused to accumulate in any manner which is or may become a nuisance or cause injury to the health or welfare of residents or the public in the vicinity or causing injury to neighboring property.

(1) The words "weeds" and "rank vegetation" as used herein include poison ivy, kudzu, plants of obnoxious odors, weeds and grasses causing hayfever, those which serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes or as a refuge for snakes and rodents or any growth that creates a fire or traffic hazard or a nuisance due to unsightliness.

(2) Nothing herein shall be applicable to such grass, weeds, undergrowth and rank vegetation less than one and one-half (1½) feet in height nor to such grass, weeds, undergrowth and rank vegetation more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from any building, structure, more than one hundred fifty (150) feet from any building, structure, recreational area (not including the width of any intervening street) or to such grass, weeds, undergrowth and rank vegetation more than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet from a street right-of-way.

(3) Automotive vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored on any parcel zoned residential or commercial, other than in a carport or enclosed building. Inoperable automobiles shall not be parked or stored on any parcel zoned residential unless in a completely enclosed building. Automotive dealerships and automotive service stations operating in compliance with all regulations contained in this section are exempt from this provision. The above pertains only to automotive vehicles and trailers requiring

license plates by the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

(4) Section 724 of the city zoning ordinance is hereby repealed.

(b)It shall be unlawful for any person, including the owner or occupant of such premises, to maintain or permit to be maintained kudzu, honeysuckle, ivy or any other woody or vine-type plant upon any premises, including vacant lot or land, when such plant grows beyond the bounds of said premises so as to be entwined in fences, buildings, trees, public utilities or onto any other property.

(c)Penalties: For this section (13-19) only, and notwithstanding the requirements of sections [13-21](#) and [13-22](#). The zoning administrator shall issue notification as prescribed in subsection [13-20](#)(c) only once within a calendar year. For each successive offense during that calendar year, the city shall issue a citation with penalties as prescribed in subsection [13-20](#)(e).

Excerpted from City of Seneca Zoning Ordinances

SECTION 723 PARKING, STORAGE OR USE OF CAMPERS OR OTHER MAJOR RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT

****** The City of Seneca includes boats and boat trailers as major recreational equipment. Also, the requirement to be parked “behind the nearest portion of a building to a street” applies to both front and side of a house if on a corner lot. Our understanding is that this prohibits the parking of these items in a side yard between a house and the street for corner lots. ******

No major recreational equipment shall be parked or stored on any lot in a residential district except in a carport or enclosed building, or is parked behind the nearest portion of a building to a street; provided, however, that such equipment may be parked anywhere on residential premises for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours during loading or unloading. Such equipment shall be parked in accordance with all setbacks, yard and other requirements for accessory uses set forth within the residential districts in which they are located. No such equipment shall be continuously used for residential purposes when parked on a residential lot, or in any location not approved for such use, except that such use of this equipment shall be permitted for a period not to exceed seven (7) consecutive days, nor more than ten (10) days total in any ninety (90) day period.

SECTION 724 PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES

Automotive vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored on any parcel zoned residential or commercial, other than in a carport or enclosed building. Inoperable automobiles shall not be parked or stored on any parcel zoned residential unless in a completely enclosed building. Automotive Dealerships and Automotive Service Stations operating in compliance with all regulations contained in this ordinance are exempt from this provision. The above pertains only to automotive vehicles and trailers requiring license plates by the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

SECTION 726 ON STREET PARKING OR STORAGE

No major equipment or trucks used for commercial purposes, either public or private, shall be parked or stored on a public street right-of-way in a residential district; nor shall the above equipment or trucks be parked or stored on a residential lot except in a carport or enclosed building or parked behind the portion of a principal building nearest to the street; not more than one (1) such vehicle is permitted on any residential lot; however, such equipment, trucks or vehicles may be parked in the prohibited areas for a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours in a given ten (10) day period. During such hours, said equipment or trucks or vehicles shall be parked in accordance with the minimum setbacks, yard and other requirements for accessory uses set forth for the residential district in which they are located.

SECTION 732 PROHIBITION AGAINST JUNK, GARBAGE, TRASH, SALVAGE MATERIAL AND SCRAP MATERIAL

It shall be unlawful to store any junk, garbage, trash, salvage material, scrap material, debris, or any other matter deleterious to good health and public sanitation on any lot in the city, except as specifically provided within this ordinance.