

**ORDINANCE NO. 2008-24**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CLEANUP AFTER DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR REPORTING, INSPECTIONS, AND NOTICE; AND, ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, THAT:

Chapter 10, "Buildings and Building Regulations" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Shoreacres, Texas, is hereby amended by adding Article VI, "Cleanup after Demolition or Removal of Structures," and, sections, to be numbered sections 10-361 through 10-367, which sections read as follows:

**ARTICLE VI. CLEANUP AFTER DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES**

**Sec. 10-366. Required.**

(a) Within 30 days after any building or structure is demolished or removed from any lot or tract of land:

- (1) All debris must be removed from the property.
- (2) All holes or depressions in the ground must be filled to grade level.
- (3) All lumber, pipes and all other buildings materials must be removed from the property or stored in such a manner that they are not a hazard to safety and do not create a condition where rats are likely to live or mosquitoes likely to breed.
- (4) All pipes and conduits must be removed from above grade and must be removed or sealed below grade.
- (5) All foundations, slabs, piers, pilings, steps and other appurtenances must be removed above grade.

(b) Each owner and each person having control over the property on which the building or structure stood prior to removal or demolition is individually responsible for completing such work or causing such work to be completed.

**Sec. 10-367. Report, inspection where work believed not completed.**

It shall be the duty of all city employees to make a report in writing to the building official whenever such employee has reason to believe a building or structure has been demolished or removed from a lot of land and the work required by this article has not been completed. Upon receipt of such written report, the building official shall inspect the lot or tract.

**Sec. 10-368. Notice to complete work.**

Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the building official or city administrator that a building or structure has been demolished or removed and that the work required by this article has not been completed, the building official or city administrator shall cause written notice to be given by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner of the property or to any person having control over the property setting out the work required by this article which has not been completed. In such notice, the building official or city administrator shall order the owner of the property or person having control over the property to complete or cause to be completed all work required by this article within 30 days of service of such notice.

**Sec. 10-367. Penalty.**

Failure to comply with the requirements of section 10-361 or to comply with the order of the building official or city administrator given pursuant to this article shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250.00, nor more than \$2,000.00. Each day such work is not completed in violation of this article shall constitute a separate offense.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of October 2008.

  
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Jayo Washington, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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David K. Stall  
City Secretary