

Richland County Sheriff's Department

07 December 2010



**VIOLATION ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]  
**PLEASE CONTACT OFFICER ROANE IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN A TICKET BEING ISSUED FOR \$1,092.50**

Today Richland County Sheriff Department CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CEDRIC ROANE, 803-518-1326 was in your neighborhood. It has come to our attention that your property is overgrown with weeds or rank vegetation. We must inform you that this situation is not allowed under The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18, Section 18-4, which read as follows:

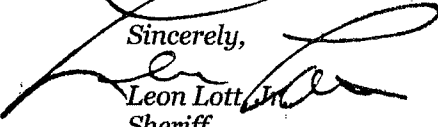
**(a) Definition.** For purpose of this section, the term "weeds and rank vegetation" means dense, uncultivated, herbaceous overgrowth over two (2) feet in height, or briars and trailing vines exceeding ten (10) feet in length.

**(b) Declaration of nuisance.** Weeds and other rank vegetation allowed to grow to a height of two (2) feet and stand upon any lot or parcel of land in a developed residential area within the county may be deemed and declared a nuisance in the judgment of the sheriff. For the purpose of this action, "residential area" is defined as property zoned for a residential use, platted for residential use with a plat having been begun, installation of utilities having been begun and construction of residential units being commenced.

**(c) Duty of owner, etc. to cut.** It shall be the duty of any owner, lessee, occupant, agent, or representative of the owner of any lot or parcel of land in a developed residential area within the county to cut, or cause to be cut, all weeds and other rank vegetation, as described in this section, as often as may be necessary to prevent the growth of such weeds and other rank vegetation. However, lots of one acre or more are not required to be cut back more than fifty (50) feet from the road and each side property line.

We must advise you that failure to correct this unlawful violation within ten (10) days of receipt of this letter will constitute a violation of the Richland County Code of Ordinances. Failure to comply may result in a fine, or the Public Works Department will mow or clear the lot. You will also be charged the fee for the work and cost may become a lien upon the property. If we can be of any assistance, please contact the Code Enforcement Officer listed above. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Leon Lott, Jr.  
Sheriff

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