

The City of Rice Lake is considering adopting Ordinance # 49 on July 23, 2018. Summary of Ordinance is below.

**CITY OF RICE LAKE
AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND PROHIBITING PUBLIC
NUISANCES AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

The following is a summary of an Ordinance defining, prohibiting and providing penalty for public nuisances; Ordinance #49, the Rice Lake City Council is considering for adoption:

SECTION 1: Public Nuisance Defined.

-Whoever by an act or failure to perform a legal duty intentionally does any of the listed activities is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance, which is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2: Public Nuisances Affecting Health.

-Lists declared public nuisances affecting health.

SECTION 3: Public Nuisances Affecting Morals.

-Lists declared nuisances affecting public morals and decency.

SECTION 4: Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety.

-Lists declared nuisances affecting public peace and safety.

SECTION 5: Enforcement Duties of Officers.

-The City Clerk and County Sheriff shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, and duly authorized County or State health officers may enforce such provisions.

SECTION 6: Abatement.

-Whenever the officer charged with enforcement determines that a public nuisance is being maintained or exists on premises in the City, the officer shall notify in writing the owner or occupant of the premises of such fact and order that such nuisance be terminated and abated.

SECTION 7: Recovery of Costs.

- a. Personal Liability. The owner of the premises on which a nuisance has been abated by the City shall be personally liable for the cost to the City of the abatement, including administrative costs and attorneys' fees.
- b. Assessment. On or before October 1 following abatement of a nuisance by the City, the City Clerk shall list the total unpaid charges along with all other such charges as well as other charges for current services to be assessed against each separate lot or parcel to which the nuisance abatement charges are attributable. The City Council may then spread the charges against such property for certification to the County Auditor for collection by the County Treasurer and paid to the City as other taxes are collected and paid.

SECTION 8: Penalty.

-Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine or imprisonment, or both, not to exceed the maximum allowed by state law.

SECTION 9: Separability and Repealer.

-All ordinances or portions of ordinances conflicting herewith are hereby repealed. Should any section of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or void, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 10: Effective Date.

-This Ordinance becomes effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

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