

SEC. 11-6-6 ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES.

(a) **Summary Abatement.**

- (1) Notice to Owner. If the inspecting officer determines that a public nuisance exists within the City and that there is a danger of public health, safety, peace, morals or decency, notice may be served by the inspecting officer or an authorized deputy on the person causing, maintaining or permitting such nuisance or on the owner or occupant of the premises where such nuisance is caused, maintained or permitted; and a copy of such notice shall be posted on the premises. Such notice shall direct the person causing, maintaining or permitting such nuisance, or the owner or occupant of the premises, to abate or remove such nuisance within a period not less than twenty-four (24) hours or greater than seven (7) days and shall state that unless such nuisance is so abated, the City will cause the same to be abated and will charge the cost thereof to the owner, occupant or person causing, maintaining or permitting the nuisance, as the case may be.
- (2) Abatement by City. If the nuisance is not abated within the time provided or if the owner, occupant or person causing the nuisance cannot be found, the officer having the duty of enforcement shall cause the abatement or removal of such public nuisance.

(b) **Abatement by Court Action.** If the inspecting officer determines that a public nuisance exists on private premises, but that the nature of such nuisance is not such as to threaten great and immediate danger to the public health, safety, peace, morals or decency, the inspector shall file a written report of such findings with the Mayor who, upon direction of the Common Council, shall cause an action to abate such nuisance to be commenced in the name of the City in Trempealeau County Circuit Court in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 823, Wis. Stats.

(c) **Court Order.** Except where necessary under Subsection (a), no officer hereunder shall use force to obtain access to private property to abate a public nuisance, but shall request permission to enter upon private property if such premises are occupied and, if such permission is denied, shall apply to any court having jurisdiction for an order assisting the abatement of the public nuisance.

(d) **Other Methods Not Excluded.** Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed as prohibiting the abatement of public nuisances by the City or its officials in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.