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ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 18 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III. LAND CLEARING, DIVISION 2. PERMITS, TO INCLUDE SECTION 18-125. UNDERBRUSHING PERMIT

WHEREAS, a certain amendment has been suggested to the Covington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations, to include Section 18-125. Underbrushing Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems this amendment appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III. Land Clearing, Division 2. Permits, shall be amended to include Section 18-125. Underbrushing permit, to read as follows:

Sec. 18-125. Underbrushing permit.

(a) Underbrushing means the removal of underbrush or vegetation from a lot, tract or parcel of land, that does not involve the removal or cutting of any tree or trees two inches in diameter or greater. Underbrushing shall not allow the use of a bulldozer. Underbrushing equipment is limited to mowing equipment and/or bush hogging equipment attached to a tractor or bobcat. Underbrushing shall include the removal of fallen trees and limbs, lying on the ground.

(b) An underbrushing permit is available for any size parcel of land and is independent from any type of land clearing permit.

(c) Prior to the commencement of underbrushing, an applicant shall obtain an underbrushing permit. An applicant for an underbrushing permit shall submit to the

building permit department the following information:

(1) Name, address and phone number of the owner of the property.
(2) Legal description of the property to be underbrushed.
(3) Estimated starting date.
(4) Estimated ending date.

(d) An underbrushing permit application shall be submitted to the building permit department for review by the building official. The building official shall issue or deny the permit within three business days of the receipt of the application.

(e) The fee for an underbrushing permit is $25.00 and shall be paid at the time of approval.

(f) An underbrushing permit shall be valid for a period of 120 days from issuance.

(g) One 30 day extension may be granted by the building official.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Coner, seconded by Rolling.

YEAS: 7 **ABSENT:** 0

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7TH day of February, 2017.

R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 8th day of February, 2017, at 4:30 o'clock P.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 9th day of February, 2017.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 9th day of February, 2017, at 9:20 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne
BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK