

**CITY OF SALEM, VIRGINIA  
BOOK OF RATES AND FEES**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**PLANNING & ZONING/CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**NUISANCE FEES**

**Assessing Department:**

Planning & Zoning/Code Enforcement

**Collecting Department:**

Treasurer

**Description:**

We want to keep Salem safe and clean for all residents. In order to accomplish these basic goals, we have instituted updated nuisance regulations that went into effect in June of 2021.

**The following are now considered nuisances: Weeds and high grass, trees that are in danger of falling onto neighboring properties, hedges, shrubs, trees or other vegetation which extend into any public right-of-way. trash, accumulation of stagnant water, storage of rimless vehicle tires, infestation by bats, rodents, insects, arachnids, or vermin, and any other condition that threatens the health, safety, order, and convenience of the public.**

All of the nuisance occurrences are the responsibility of the property owner and/or the tenants of a property. When you receive your first notice you are allowed 15 days to correct the problem.

Rate or Fee	Amount
The Nuisance Administrative Fee is	\$250.00
First Nuisance ticket is	\$50.00
Any subsequent violations is	\$200.00
After 3 tickets are issued for the same or a similar nuisance, the violations becomes a Class 3 misdemeanor and criminal charges are possible.	
<b>Property owner will be billed for the cost of the clean up. Charges which remain unpaid shall constitute a lien against the property.</b>	

**Legal Authorization:**

**Ordinances, Effective dates: (06-24-2021) Definitions added, Declaration of nuisances; abatement required, Violation, Inspection, Failure to abate nuisances, and civil and criminal penalties updated; (03-20-1997) 15 day notice to clean up-after 15 days owner will pay the cost for clean up; (08-06-1981) given 15 days and can be fined no less than \$10.00 and no more than \$50.00-after 15 days owner will be billed for cost of the cleanup**  
**Resolutions: 1431 (07-1-2023); 1306 (03-13-2017)**  
**Salem City Code, Chapter 94, Section 94.1-94-14; Chapter 30, Article I, Section 30-4**