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ORDINANCE No. 25221

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, AMENDING TITLE 24 OF TULSA REVISED ORDINANCES, “NUISANCES,” CHAPTER 1, “NUISANCES CLASSIFIED,” BY ADDING A SECTION 107, “APPLICATION TO PRIVATE PROPERTY ABUTTING A RIGHT-OF-WAY,” WHICH CLARIFIES A PROPERTY OWNER’S RESPONSIBILITY AS TO PROPERTY ABUTTING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TULSA:

Section 1. That Chapter 1, “Nuisances Classified,” of Title 24 “Nuisances,” of Tulsa Revised Ordinances, be, and is hereby amended to include the following Section 107:

“Section 107. – Application to Private Property Abutting a Right-of-Way

Whenever private property abuts a public right-of-way and there exists in such right-of-way a tree lawn or grassy area between the lot line of that private property and the pavement of said right-of-way, the owner of the private property shall maintain this tree lawn or grassy area in such a way as to avoid the creation or continuation of any nuisance, including but not limited to removing weeds and other rank growths of vegetation that exceed twelve (12) inches in height pursuant to Section 101(B)(6) of this chapter; removing any dead tree or any part of a tree that is damaged or dead to the extent that a limb, tree, or part could fall; and removing all trash and debris that is not properly gathered for disposal or contained for waste collection services.”

Section 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of the Ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are now expressly repealed.

Section 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. That an emergency is now declared to exist for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, by reason whereof this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, approval and publication.

ADOPTED by the Tulsa City Council, this 24th Day of January 2024

ADOPTED as an emergency measure, this 24th Day of January 2024

Jeannie Cue, Chair of the City Council

APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma, this 31st Day of January 2024

G. T. Bynum, Mayor

ATTEST: Christina Chappell, City Clerk

APPROVED: Jack Blair, City Attorney

