

## **GOOD SAMARITAN RESOLUTION**

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WHEREAS, there are located within the City of New Castle several vacant homes and properties, and

WHEREAS, the City of New Castle requires owners of homes and properties to keep the grass and weeds mowed so that the height of grass and weeds does not exceed twelve (12) inches and that property owners not allow trash or litter to accumulate on one's lot, and

WHEREAS, community minded volunteers may be willing to provide the City with a "helping hand" and act as "Good Samaritans" by from time to time maintaining vacant lots and other properties in such a way as those lots and properties do not violate City ordinances thus providing a service to the absent neighbor as well as the community as a whole, and

WHEREAS, this activity should be encouraged by the City of New Castle.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE that those wishing to lend the City a helping hand and assist those who are owners of vacant property avoid being fined for violation of City ordinance, the City offers its encouragement and support. Citizens are encouraged to lend a helping hand to their neighbors by keeping the grass cut at a length of less than twelve (12) inches and disposing properly of trash and litter that accumulates on a neighbor's lot when that neighbor's property is vacant or abandoned.

This resolution is intended to encourage Good Samaritans to take those actions to help the owners of vacant homes and other properties avoid the cost imposed upon them by violating City ordinances. This resolution does not encourage Good Samaritans to take actions other than that which is required of residents by City ordinance.

Nothing herein shall impose a fine or penalty upon the absentee owner for the action taken by the Good Samaritan and nothing herein shall impose any liability or responsibility on the part of the City of New Castle for costs or damages suffered by the Good Samaritan in lending the helping hand. Those wishing to provide a helping hand do so as volunteers, of their own freewill and act, and shall receive no reward except the knowledge that they have helped their community and their neighborhood.

**REPEALER:** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in