

## **§ 97.05 GOOD SAMARITAN PROVISION.**

(A) To 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 eight inches and disposing properly of trash and litter that accumulates on a neighbor's lot when that neighbor's property is vacant or abandoned.

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

(C) 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 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 free will and act, and shall receive no reward except the knowledge that they have helped their community and their neighborhood.

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