



*Suppose I disagree with the inspector and do not believe the condition is a public nuisance. Is there anything I can do?*

Yes. You may appeal the findings of the Inspector by stating your objections in writing to the Raleigh City Council. (Send your letter to the City of Raleigh Inspections Department, Housing/Environmental Division, P. O. Box 590, Raleigh, NC 27602.) This will stop any further action until the City Council makes a determination in the case.

*If you have any questions about public nuisances, please call the **Housing/Environmental Division** at **807-5110** weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.*

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City of Raleigh  
Inspections Department  
807-5110

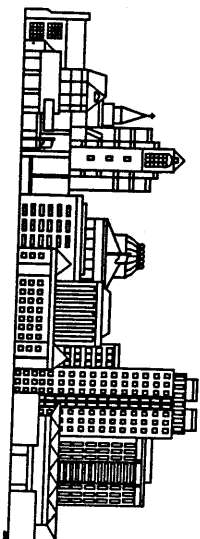
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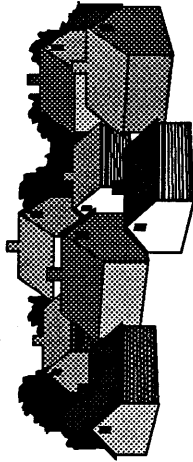
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*Public Health  
Nuisances*

The City of Raleigh is committed to providing its citizens with a clean, safe and healthy environment in which to live. The North Carolina General Statutes and the Raleigh City Code set out the procedures the City uses to control and remove dangers to public health within the City of Raleigh's jurisdiction. Enforcing these City codes is the responsibility of the City of Raleigh Inspections Department.



## What is the City of Raleigh's jurisdiction?

The City of Raleigh regulates public health nuisances within the City limits, and, generally, up to one mile outside the City limits.

## What type of conditions can be considered a public nuisance?

Public nuisances include, among others:

- ↔ any condition which serves as a viable breeding ground for mosquitoes, rats or other pests;
- ↔ any area within a given distance of a dwelling where a heavy growth of grasses or weeds are over eight inches high;
- ↔ any open place where there is an accumulation of combustibles, such as mattresses, boxes, tires, garbage, trash or other items;
- ↔ any open space where junked appliances or furniture are left;
- ↔ any conditions which obstruct the natural flow of streams, creeks or other water courses so as to cause flooding;
- ↔ any collection of stagnant standing water without adequate drainage; or,
- ↔ any vehicle that is a breeding ground for insects or rodents, is used for storage of flammable materials, or has broken windows and/or jagged metal edges.



If I see something that I think is a public nuisance, what should I do?

Write the Housing/Environmental Division of the City of Raleigh Inspections Department, P.O. Box 590, Raleigh, N.C., 27602, or call 807-5110. An inspector will look at the possible public nuisance, report the findings to you, and explain what action the City will take.

## Who is responsible for correcting a public nuisance?



The owner of the property is responsible for correcting any public nuisance. The City will notify the property owner of the nuisance by certified mail, return receipt requested. The property owner will have 15 days from the mailing of the notice to correct the violation. If the owner fails to correct the nuisance during that time, the City will correct the violation. The property owner will be required to pay for the nuisance removal or all costs will be filed as a lien against the property.