

## NUISANCES In the City of Virden

Nuisance properties fall into four basic categories. The first is “nuisance vegetation,” which includes tall grass/weeds/brush/trees/shrubs/plants. This may be found in the City Code in Title 4, Chapter 1, Article B.

The second category is “nuisance garbage and debris,” covered in Title 4, Chapter 1, Article C. Also included in this category would be “nuisance junk,” which is found in Title 4, Chapter 1, Article A.

“Dangerous buildings” are included in the third category of nuisance. These are described in Title 4, Chapter 1, Article D.

And, finally, the last category would be “inoperable/abandoned vehicles.” These vehicles are addressed in Title 4, Chapter 1, Article E.

How should nuisances be reported? Nuisances are complaint driven. Until they are reported, they will not be on a nuisance list. The most direct way to report a nuisance in Virden is to call the police non-emergency line, 217-965-4474. Please have an address and a description of the nuisance when calling. The caller may choose to remain anonymous. The Chief or a patrolman will investigate the reported nuisance and determine if it does indeed qualify as a nuisance. If so, the proper steps will be followed to have the nuisance abated.

A suspected nuisance may also be reported to the Mayor or an alderman. They will then report it to the police.