

Ordinance No. 4

AN ORDINANCE providing for the appointment of a Fire Marshal for the Town, requiring all owners of property located within the corporate limits of Mardela Springs to maintain said properties free and clear of weeds, brush, combustible debris and litter, providing for public removal of same upon failure of the owners to remove such hazardous material and providing penalties for the violation of its provisions.

WHEREAS, within the Town of Mardela Springs certain properties or parts thereof become overgrown with weeds and brush or become littered with combustible debris which creates a fire hazard to adjoining properties and to the citizens of Mardela Springs generally.

SECTION 1. BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF MARDELA SPRINGS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In order to reduce the hazards resulting from grass and brush fires or the burning of combustible debris or litter, every owner of property located within the corporate limits of Mardela Springs shall maintain his, her, their or its respective lots or parcels of land so located within the corporate limits of Mardela Springs free of excessive growths of weeds and brush and uncluttered by combustible debris or litter; and each such property owner shall be responsible for the cutting and removal of such weeds and brush and the collection and removal of combustible debris and litter.

2. The Commissioners of Mardela Springs shall appoint a member of the Mardela Springs Volunteer Fire Company to serve as Fire Marshal of Mardela Springs, who shall serve without pay, but who shall be allowed the necessary expenses of his office, he shall be appointed effective upon the passage of this Ordinance and shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioners of Mardela

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Springs. It shall be the duty of the Fire Marshall to give written notice to the owner or owners of any lot or parcel of land located within the corporate limits of Mardela Springs, as said owner or owners are set forth on the assessment records of Mardela Springs, on which land an excessive growth of weeds or brush exists or where combustible debris or litter has accumulated, requiring said owner to cut and remove said weeds or brush or collect and remove said combustible debris or litter from his, her, their or its property within ^{Two}~~one~~ week from the time of mailing or delivering such notice. Should any owner or owners fail or refuse to comply with the terms of said notice, then the Fire Marshall shall cause said weeds, brush, combustible debris or litter to be removed from the property. The cost thereof shall be paid by the Town and shall thereafter be billed to the owner or owners of the property. The cost of such removal shall become a lien on the property and may be collected by legal process.

3. Any person failing to comply with such notice when given by the Fire Marshall shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof by the Judge of the Peoples' Court for Wicomico County, Maryland, shall be fined not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each such offense, and upon default in the payment of such fine and costs shall be committed to the Wicomico County Jail until such fine and costs are paid.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF MARDELA SPRINGS, That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

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The above Ordinance was introduced and read at the regular meeting of The Commissioners of Mardela Springs, held on the 14th day of March, 1963, and having been published as required by law in the meantime, was finally passed at its meeting held on the 11th day of APRIL, 1963.

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