

PLEASE NOTE:

1) **Confidentiality**

Complainants' names will be kept confidential insofar as reasonably possible however confidentiality is not guaranteed .

2) **Responsibility of Property Owners**

The *Municipal Government Act* , S.N.S. 1998, c.18 as am. states as follows:

s.344 Every property in a municipality shall be maintained so as not to be dangerous or unsightly.

3) **Definition**

The *Municipal Government Act* defines “**dangerous or unsightly**” as follows:

s.3(r) “**dangerous or unsightly**” means partly demolished, decayed, deteriorated or in a state of disrepair so as to be dangerous, unsightly or unhealthy and includes property containing

(i) ashes, junk, cleanings of yards or other rubbish or refuse or a derelict vehicle, vessel, item of equipment or machinery, or bodies of these or parts thereof,

(ii) an accumulation of wood shavings, paper, sawdust, dry and inflammable grass or weeds or other combustible material, or

(iii) any other thing that is dangerous, unsightly, unhealthy or offensive to a person, and includes property, a building or structure

(iv) that is in a ruinous or dilapidated condition,

(v) the condition of which seriously depreciates the value of land or buildings in the vicinity,

(vi) that is in such a state of non-repair as to be no longer suitable for human habitation or business purposes,

(vii) that is an allurement to children who may play there to their danger,

(viii) constituting a hazard to the health or safety of the public,

(ix) that is unsightly in relation to neighbouring properties because the exterior finish of the building or structure or the landscaping is not maintained,

(x) that is a fire hazard to itself or to surrounding lands or buildings, or

(xi) that has been excavated or had fill placed on it in a manner that results in a hazard;

n.b. The above provisions are reproduced here for general information purposes only and are not to be relied upon as an official version of the legislation.

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