

**Council of the Town of Leonardtown**

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**Date Introduced on First Reading:** March 14, 2011  
**Date Adopted on Second Reading:** May 9, 2011  
**Date Effective:** May 30, 2011

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**Ordinance No. 151**  
**Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment**  
**Subject: Chapter 112 – Property Maintenance**

**Purpose**

An ordinance concerning property maintenance.

For the purpose of amending the Code of the Town of Leonardtown in order to revise existing provisions.

**Ordinance**

**Section I: Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Leonardtown that Chapter 112. Property Maintenance, is hereby amended as follows: (changes shown in red)**

**CHAPTER 112. PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Commissioners (now Mayor and Council) of the Town of Leonardtown 7-13-1981 by Ord. No. 37A. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

**GENERAL REFERENCES**

Garbage, rubbish and refuse — See Ch. [82](#).

Livability standards — See Ch. [92](#).

Storage of refrigerators — See Ch. [116](#).

Depositing of waste on streets and sidewalks — See Ch. [128](#), Art. [III](#).

**§ 112-1. Maintenance of lots; brush, grass and weeds.**

A. Every improved lot and/or vacant area within the corporate limits of Leonardtown and every part thereof shall be kept clean and free from any accumulation of dirt, filth, rubbish, trash, garbage or similar matter so as not to be a danger to the health of the public.

B. All improved lots and vacant areas within the corporate limits of Leonardtown shall be kept clean and free from weeds exceeding 12 inches in height.

**§ 112-2. Duty of owners and occupants.**

It shall be the duty of each occupant or owner of a lot or vacant area within the corporate limits of Leonardtown to keep the same clean and free from the accumulation of dirt, filth, rubbish, trash, garbage and similar matter and from weeds as required in § [112-1](#).

**§ 112-3. Violations and penalties.**

**[Amended 3-14-1994 by Ord. No. 78]**

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 and of not more than \$1,000 or be subject to imprisonment for a term not to exceed six months, or both fine and imprisonment.

**§ 112-4. Additional remedies.**

In addition to the fine hereinabove provided, when it is called to the attention of the Commissioners of Leonardtown Editor's Note: Pursuant to the 1989 Charter, the Commissioners of Leonardtown are now the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leonardtown. that a lot or vacant area within the corporate limits of Leonardtown is not kept clean and free from the accumulation of dirt, filth, rubbish, trash, garbage and similar matter and from weeds as required in § [112-1](#), the Commissioners shall order the compliance with § [112-1](#) by sending a notice to the occupant or owner of said lot or vacant area to comply with § [112-1](#) within seven days from the receipt of said notice, and, in the event that the occupant or owner refuses to comply with the terms of said notice, the Commissioners of Leonardtown may have said lot or vacant area cleaned and made free from weeds as required by § [112-1](#). The costs and expenses incident to such cleaning and cutting of weeds on said lot or vacant area may be recovered by the Commissioners of Leonardtown from the occupant or owner thereof by appropriate legal action.

**Section II: And Be It Further Ordained**, that this Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the whole Council after veto by the Mayor.

Attest:

Laschelle E. McKay  
Laschelle E. McKay  
Town Administrator

Commissioners of Leonardtown:

Walter Wise  
Walter Wise  
Vice President

absent  
Tom Collier  
Council Member

Daniel W. Burris  
Daniel W. Burris  
Council Member

Roger L. Mattingly  
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Council Member

Leslie Roberts  
Leslie Roberts  
Council Member

This ordinance was presented to the Mayor for his approval or disapproval pursuant to Section 210 of the Charter of the Town of Leonardtown this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

Laschelle E. McKay  
Laschelle E. McKay, Town Administrator

In accordance with Section 210 of the Charter of the Town of Leonardtown, I hereby (Approve) or (Disapprove) approve this Ordinance (the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011).

J. Harry Norris, III  
J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor