

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 15.2-901 of the Code of Virginia, relating to removal of grass, weeds,*  
3 *and other foreign growth.*

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5 Approved

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6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 15.2-901 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 15.2-901. Locality may provide for removal or disposal of trash, cutting of grass and weeds;  
9 penalty in certain counties.

10 Any locality may, by ordinance, provide that:

11 1. The owners of property therein shall, at such time or times as the governing body may prescribe,  
12 remove therefrom any and all trash, garbage, refuse, litter and other substances which might endanger  
13 the health or safety of other residents of such locality; or may, whenever the governing body deems it  
14 necessary, after reasonable notice, have such trash, garbage, refuse, litter and other like substances which  
15 might endanger the health of other residents of the locality, removed by its own agents or employees, in  
16 which event the cost or expenses thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owners of such property  
17 and may be collected by the locality as taxes are collected;

18 2. Trash, garbage, refuse, litter and other debris shall be disposed of in personally owned or privately  
19 owned receptacles that are provided for such use and for the use of the persons disposing of such matter  
20 or in authorized facilities provided for such purpose and in no other manner not authorized by law;

21 3. The owners of vacant developed or undeveloped property therein, including such property upon  
22 which buildings or other improvements are located, shall cut the grass, weeds and other foreign growth  
23 on such property or any part thereof at such time or times as the governing body shall prescribe; or  
24 may, whenever the governing body deems it necessary, after reasonable notice, have such grass, weeds  
25 or other foreign growth cut by its agents or employees, in which event the cost and expenses thereof  
26 shall be chargeable to and paid by the owner of such property and may be collected by the locality as  
27 taxes are collected. *In a locality within Planning District 8, an ordinance adopted pursuant to this*  
28 *subdivision may also apply to owners of occupied property therein.* No such ordinance adopted by any  
29 county shall have any force and effect within the corporate limits of any town. No such ordinance  
30 adopted by any county having a density of population of less than 500 per square mile shall have any  
31 force or effect except within the boundaries of platted subdivisions or any other areas zoned for  
32 residential, business, commercial or industrial use.

33 Every charge authorized by this section with which the owner of any such property shall have been  
34 assessed and which remains unpaid shall constitute a lien against such property ranking on a parity with  
35 liens for unpaid local taxes and enforceable in the same manner as provided in Articles 3 (§ 58.1-3940  
36 et seq.) and 4 (§ 58.1-3965 et seq.) of Chapter 39 of Title 58.1. A locality may waive such liens in  
37 order to facilitate the sale of the property. Such liens may be waived only as to a purchaser who is  
38 unrelated by blood or marriage to the owner and who has no business association with the owner. All  
39 such liens shall remain a personal obligation of the owner of the property at the time the liens were  
40 imposed.

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