## **ORDINANCE NO. 24-O-001**

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SIMPSON, NORTH CAROLINA

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Village Council of the Village of Simpson, North Carolina, that Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Simpson is hereby amended as follows:

Add Section 91.23 NUISANCES ABATEMENT PROCEDURE.

When any public nuisance, as set out in §91.22 of the Village of Simpson Code of Ordinances, is found to exist on any property, including rights-of-way and easements, within the village, the following procedures shall be followed:

- (1) The Mayor, or his or her designee, shall notify the owner of the premises where the nuisance is located that conditions exist which constitute a public nuisance, and unless the condition is abated within ten (10) days from the mailing of the notice, which shall be sent by registered or certified mail, the conditions constituting a nuisance will be abated, and the cost of abatement, including an administrative fee, shall constitute a lien against the premises.
- (2) The Mayor, or his or her designee, is hereby given full power and authority to enter upon the premises involved, for the purpose of abating the nuisance found to exist as herein set out. If any property owner served with notice shall fail or refuse to correct or eliminate the condition causing the nuisance within ten (10) days after the notice has been given, the Mayor, or his or her designee, may proceed to abate the nuisance by utilization of town forces or an outside contractor. The Mayor may allow the owner additional time to correct or eliminate the condition causing the nuisance, if he or she determines that the failure to correct or abate the condition was caused by weather conditions or other factors not within the control of the owner.
- (3) After the abatement of the nuisance, the Mayor, or his or her designee, shall make a written report of the actual cost incurred by the village, and shall deliver the report to the Finance Officer. The owner of the premises shall be liable to the village for the actual cost incurred by the town in the nuisance abatement, including an administrative fee. The cost shall be charged against the property owner, and shall be collected in the same manner and at the same time as the ad valorem taxes of the owner are collected. The cost shall be a lien on the real property, subject only to the lien of the town and county ad valorem taxes thereon.

The remainder of said Ordinance is not amended pursuant to this Ordinance.

Adopted this 15th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:

Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk

Richard C. Zeck, Mayor