Article VI (b). Nuisance

Section 1: Definitions.

(a) Nuisance: Any use or non-use of property, real or personal, which causes material injury to others or which presents a clear threat to the life, health, safety or welfare of Laramie County citizens or which is otherwise defined at common law, Wyoming State Statute, or herein.

(b) Screening: The method by which the view from one property to another property is substantially shielded, concealed or hidden. Screening techniques include solid fences, walls, hedges, berms, or other approved features.

Section 2: General.

(a) A site, property, tract, lot, building grounds, area or other property may be declared a nuisance by the Board of Laramie County Commissioners in conformance with Wyoming State Statute §18-2-115 et seq if a nuisance, as listed in Section 2 (b) of this Article exists on said site, property, tract, lot, building grounds, area or other property.

(b) The following are hereby declared by the Board of Laramie County Commissioners to be public nuisances which have the potential to cause material injury to others or which endangers life, health, safety or welfare and are subject to abatement procedures:

(1) failure to keep material, debris, waste, refuse or garbage in an enclosed building or properly contained in a closed container designed for such purposes;

(2) failure to maintain a structure so as to avoid health and safety hazards as determined by the Chief Building Official;

(3) the outside, unscreened storage, keeping or maintenance of five or more inoperable or unregistered vehicles within the non-zoned areas of Laramie County;

(4) the outside storage, keeping or maintenance of any inoperable or unregistered vehicles within the zoned areas of Laramie County excepting those that are in conformance with the regulations of a specific zoning district;

(5) the unscreened and or unlicensed accumulation of materials, debris, garbage, waste recyclables, or other scrap or junk material;

(6) allowing any discharge into the environment of toxic or noxious materials in such concentrations as to endanger the public health;

(7) causing or allowing the effluent from any cesspool, septic tank, drain field or sewage disposal system to discharge upon the surface of the ground;
(8) causing or allowing the contamination of any well, cistern, stream, lake, groundwater, or other body of water by sewage, waste or other materials or substances;

(9) accumulations of manure from domestic animals and fowl that are handled, stored or disposed of in a manner that creates a health hazard;

(10) burning garbage, weeds and other debris in a manner that is dangerous to the health and safety of the public;

(11) accumulations of decayed animal or vegetable matter, trash, rubbish, garbage, rotting lumber, packing material, scrap metal or any substance in which flies, mosquitoes, disease carrying insects, rats or other vermin can breed, live, nest or seek shelter;

(12) any chemical and/or biological material that is stored, used or disposed of in such quantity or manner that creates a public health hazard;

(13) any condition or situation which renders a structure or any part thereof unsanitary, unhealthy or unfit for human habitation, occupancy or use, or renders any property unsanitary or unhealthy;

(14) failure to comply with any law or rule regarding sanitation and health including but not limited to:

   (i) plumbing,
   (ii) water supplies, including wells and surface waters,
   (iii) waste disposal,
   (iv) storage of chemical pesticides or herbicides,

(c) Violations of the foregoing provisions may be enforced through any method authorized for enforcement of the Laramie County Zoning Ordinance, through the provisions of W.S. § 18-2-115 et seq, through injunction, mandamus or other form of judicial action and any other applicable method under law including but not limited to criminal citations. The selection of one remedy for enforcement shall not prohibit the implementation of any other remedies available under law all remedies available may be used individually or cumulatively.

(d) This Article shall apply to all unincorporated properties in Laramie County.