

657.2 What deemed nuisances.

The following are nuisances:

1. The erecting, continuing, or using any building or other place for the exercise of any trade, employment, or manufacture, which, by occasioning noxious exhalations, unreasonably offensive smells, or other annoyances, becomes injurious and dangerous to the health, comfort, or property of individuals or the public.
2. The causing or suffering any offal, filth, or noisome substance to be collected or to remain in any place to the prejudice of others.
3. The obstructing or impeding without legal authority the passage of any navigable river, harbor, or collection of water.
4. The corrupting or rendering unwholesome or impure the water of any river, stream, or pond, or unlawfully diverting the same from its natural course or state, to the injury or prejudice of others.
5. The obstructing or encumbering by fences, buildings, or otherwise the public roads, private ways, streets, alleys, commons, landing places, or burying grounds.
6. Houses of ill fame, kept for the purpose of prostitution and lewdness, gambling houses, places resorted to by persons participating in criminal gang activity prohibited by [chapter 723A](#), or places resorted to by persons using controlled substances, as defined in [section 124.101, subsection 5](#), in violation of law, or houses where drunkenness, quarreling, fighting, or breaches of the peace are carried on or permitted to the disturbance of others.
7. Billboards, signboards, and advertising signs, whether erected and constructed on public or private property, which so obstruct and impair the view of any portion or part of a public street, avenue, highway, boulevard, or alley or of a railroad or street railway track as to render dangerous the use thereof.
8. Any object or structure hereafter erected within one thousand feet of the limits of any municipal or regularly established airport or landing place, which may endanger or obstruct aerial navigation, including take-off and landing, unless such object or structure constitutes a proper use or enjoyment of the land on which the same is located.
9. The depositing or storing of flammable junk, such as old rags, rope, cordage, rubber, bones, and paper, by dealers in such articles within the fire limits of a city, unless in a building of fireproof construction, is a public nuisance.
10. The emission of dense smoke, noxious fumes, or fly ash in cities is a nuisance and cities may provide the necessary rules for inspection, regulation and control.
11. Dense growth of all weeds, vines, brush, or other vegetation in any city so as to constitute a health, safety, or fire hazard is a public nuisance.
12. Trees infected with Dutch elm disease in cities.

[C51, §2759, 2761; R60, §4409, 4411; C73, §4089, 4091; C97, §5078, 5080; S13, §713-a, -b, 1056-a19; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5740, 5741, 6567, 6743, 12396; C46, 50, §368.3, 368.4, 416.92, 420.54, 657.2; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §657.2]

[92 Acts, ch 1163, §116](#); [92 Acts, ch 1231, §56](#); [95 Acts, ch 195, §35](#); [98 Acts, ch 1072, §1](#)

Referred to in [§654B.1](#)

See also abandoned or unsafe buildings, chapter 657A; airport hazards, chapter 329; bee colonies, §160.7; billboards or advertising along highways, §306B.5, 306C.19, 318.11; construction in floodways and floodplains, §455B.275; crop pests and diseases, §177A.5; dams or pumping stations, §481A.14; farm operations, §352.11; highway obstructions, §318.6; levees and drainage ditches, §468.149, 468.150; liquor law violations, §123.60; livestock care and feeding contracts, §654B.1; junkyards, §306C.6; nongame species, §481A.42; property used in hunting and fishing violations, §483A.32; prostitution and gambling, chapter 99; restricted residence district violations, §414.24; slaughterhouse violations, §172A.10; unauthorized signs on highways, §321.259