



Home	Bill Information	California Law	Publications	Other Resources	My Subscriptions	My Favorites
------	------------------	----------------	--------------	-----------------	------------------	--------------

Code:  Section:

[Up^](#) [Add To My Favorites](#)

**GOVERNMENT CODE - GOV**

**TITLE 4. GOVERNMENT OF CITIES [34000 - 45345]** ( Title 4 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 79. )

**DIVISION 3. OFFICERS [36501 - 41805]** ( Division 3 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 79. )

**PART 2. LEGISLATIVE BODY [36801 - 40592]** ( Part 2 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 79. )

**CHAPTER 13. Weed and Rubbish Abatement [39501 - 39588]** ( Chapter 13 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 79. )

**ARTICLE 1. General [39501 - 39502]** ( Heading of Article 1 amended by Stats. 1955, Ch. 624. )

**39501.** The legislative body may compel the owner, lessee, or occupant of buildings, grounds, or lots to remove dirt, rubbish, weeds, and rank growths from buildings or grounds and adjacent sidewalks. If the person compelled by the legislative body defaults, after notice prescribed by the legislative body, it may authorize the removal or destruction of the dirt, rubbish, weeds, and rank growths at that person's expense by a city officer. The legislative body may prescribe a procedure for the removal or destruction and make the expense a lien upon the buildings or grounds.

(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 467, Sec. 31. (SB 1498) Effective January 1, 2019.)

**39502.** By ordinance the legislative body may:

- (a) Require and provide for the removal of grass, weeds, or other obstructions from the sidewalks, parkings, or streets and make the cost of removal a lien upon the abutting property.
- (b) Require or provide for the removal from property, lands, or lots of all weeds, rubbish, or other material dangerous or injurious to neighboring property or the health or welfare of residents of the vicinity and make the cost of removal a lien upon the property.
- (c) Provide for the enforcement of the lien by the sale of the property or otherwise.

(Added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 79.)