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Code Enforcement Bill Signed By Governor

OKLAHOMA CITY ó Legislation recently signed by Gov. Mary Fallin changes the notice requirement placed on a municipality seeking to remove trash or overgrown weeds and grass from a property.

Current law states that if payment for cleaning a property is not made by the owner of the property to the municipality within 30 days of receiving a bill, the municipal clerk has 60 days to forward a certified statement of the cost to the county treasurer of the county where the property is located. The County treasurer is then required to levy and collect that amount against the property owner.

House Bill 2476, by state Rep. Seneca Scott, reduces the number of days within which the municipal clerk must forward a certified statement to the county treasurer from 60 to 30 days after the payment was due.

“Cleanups and abatements are necessary for public safety and community image, but are also costly for local budgets,” said Rep. Scott, D-Tulsa. “It was a real joy working with towns and cities from the across the state, and the Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association to get this measure passed, which will speed up the cost recovery of public clean ups of nuisance properties.”

The new law will be effective November 1, 2012.