

ORDINANCE NO. 32

ORDINANCE REGULATING CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF GRASS, WEEDS, AND OTHER RANK, POISONOUS, OR HARMFUL VEGETATION AND PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

Section 1: Cutting and Removal of Grass, Weeds, and Other Rank, Poisonous or Harmful Vegetation.

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, or occupant, or any agent, servant, representative or employee of any such owner, lessee or occupant having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or land or any part thereof in the Village of Clarks Grove to permit or maintain on any such lot or land, or on or along the sidewalk, street or alley adjacent to the same between the property line and the curb or middle of the alley or for ten feet outside the property line if there be no curb, any growth of weeds, grass, brush or other rank vegetation to a greater height than 6 inches (some cities prescribe four inches, others twelve inches) on the average, or any accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush. It shall also be unlawful for any such person or persons to cause, suffer or allow poison ivy, ragweed or other poisonous plants, or plants detrimental to health to grow on any such lot or land in such manner that any part of such ivy, ragweed, or other poisonous or harmful weed shall extend upon, overhang or border any public place or allow to seed, pollen or other poisonous particles or emanations therefrom to be carried through the air into any public place.

Section 2: Duty of Owner, lessee or Occupant.

It shall be the duty of any owner, lessee or occupant of any lot or land to cut and remove or cause to be cut and removed all such weeds, grass, brush, or other rank, poisonous or harmful vegetation as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 1; provided that cutting and removing such weeds, grass and vegetation at least once in every three weeks, between May 15 and September 15 shall be deemed to be a compliance with this ordinance.

Section 3: When City to do Work.

If the provision of the foregoing sections are not complied with the Weed Inspector shall serve written notice upon the owner, lessee or occupant or any person having the care or control of any such lot or land to comply with the provisions of this ordinance. If the person upon whom the notice is served fails, neglects or refuses to cut and remove or to cause to be cut and removed such weeds, grass, brush or other vegetation within five (5) days after receipt of such notice, or if no person can be found in the Village of Clarks Grove who either is or claims to be the owner of such lot or land, or who either represents or claims to represent such owner, the Weed Inspector shall cause such weeds, grass, brush and other vegetation on such lot or land to be cut and removed and the actual cost of such cutting and removal, plus ten percent for inspection and other additional costs in connection therewith shall be certified a lien upon the property on which such weeds, grass, brush and other vegetation were located and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lot or land and shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes. Certification shall be by the Weed Inspector to the County Treasurer.

Section 4: Grading and Clearing of Debris.

Any ground, lot, parcel, vacant lot, or portion thereof within a residential zoning district shall be graded and kept free of debris so it can be mowed and kept free of rank vegetation growth. Provision for notice, work by the Village and addition of costs to taxes for vegetation mowing shall also apply to grading and removal of debris so vegetation can be mowed. This section shall not apply to lots or parcels being filled for development when located 200 feet or more from the next adjacent dwelling.

Section 5: Interference Prohibited.

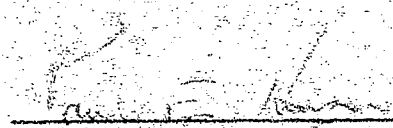
It is unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the Weed Inspector or his agents while they are engaged in the performance of duties imposed by this ordinance.

Section 6: Penalty.

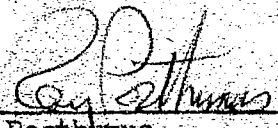
Any person, firm, or corporation who violates sections of this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$100.00 or imprisonment for 90 days.

Section 7: This ordinance is effective from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted by the Council of Clarks Grove this 8th day of May, 1974.


Paul E. Hanson, Mayor

Attest:


Ray Posthumus
Village Clerk