

VILLAGE OF BRADFORD,
Stark County, Illinois

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE WEED AND GRASS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Bradford has determined that the Ordinance declaring weeds and grass to be a nuisance if not kept under control should be modified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BRADFORD, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. That Chapter 5 "PLANTS, WEEDS", Article 6 is amended to read and shall be as follows:

PLANTS, WEEDS

SECTION:

- 6-5-1: Weeds and Grass; Nuisance
- 6-5-2: Height
- 6-5-3: Barberry Bushes
- 6-5-4: Removal; Notice
- 6-5-5: Abatement
- 6-5-6: Penalty

6-5-1: WEEDS AND GRASS; NUISANCE: Any weeds such as jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur or other weeds of a like kind, and grass exceeding 8 inches, found growing in any lot or tract of land in the Village are hereby declared to be a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful to permit any such weeds to grow or remain in any such place. (Ord. 297, 7-1 2-1 972)

6-5-2: HEIGHT: It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding eight inches (8") anywhere in the Village; any such plants or weeds exceeding such height are hereby declared to be a nuisance. (Ord. 297, 7-12-1972)

6-5-3: BARBERRY BUSHES: It shall be a nuisance and unlawful to plant or permit the growth of the bush of the species of tall, common or European barberry further known as Berberis vulgaris, or its horticultural varieties within the Village. (Ord. 297, 7-1 2-1 972)

6-5-4: REMOVAL; NOTICE: The Village Clerk is authorized to serve or cause to be served a written Notice to the owner or occupant of any premises on which weeds, grass and/or plants are permitted to grow in violation of the provisions of this chapter and to demand the abatement of this nuisance within five (5) days of this written notice. Service shall be considered as delivered when the same is deposited in the United States mail, 1st Class postage fully prepaid, addressed to party and address as shown on the most current tax bill for the premises. Said property shall thereafter be kept in compliance with this chapter.

In the event the premises appears abandoned or is unoccupied, the Village may proceed to summarily abate the violation. (Ord. 297, 7-1 2-1 972)

6-5-5: ABATEMENT: If the person so served does not abate the nuisance within five (5) days after such notice, the Village may proceed to abate such nuisance. An account of the expense of the abatement, summarily or otherwise, shall be kept and such expense shall be charged to and paid by such owner or occupant. (Ord. 297, 7-1 2-1 972)

6-5-6: PENALTY: Any person who owns property within the Village shall be in violation of this chapter where weeds or grass are permitted to grow eight inches (8") in height or more on the premises or whenever said weeds are a nuisance or danger to the health and safety of the residents of the Village. Upon refusal or neglect of any person to comply with any parts of this chapter, the Village shall cause a lien to be filed against said premises in accordance with the provisions of 65 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/1 et seq., to recover any expense or cost it may incur. (Ord. 297, 7-1 2-1 972)

SECTION TWO. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

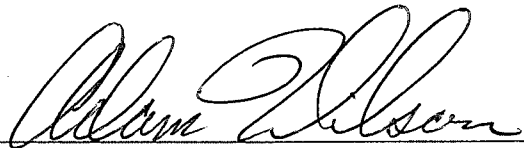
SECTION THREE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten days after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and Approved by the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Bradford, Illinois, this 9th day of September, A.D. 2009.

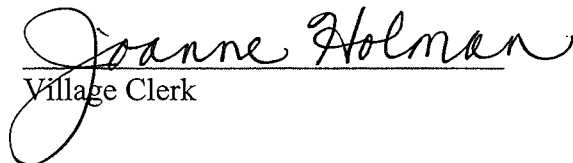
Ayes: John Cler, Bob Harris, Kevin Rasmussen,
Dave Ferman, and Bobbie Walters

Nays: NONE

Absent: Henry Waldinger

Approved: 
Village President

ATTEST:


Village Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
COUNTY OF STARK,) SS.
VILLAGE OF BRADFORD)

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the **VILLAGE OF BRADFORD**, in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, do hereby Certify that the attached and foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the legally convened meeting of the Village Board of said Village held the 9th day of September, A.D. 2009, insofar as the same relates to the adoption of the following Ordinance entitled "**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE VILLAGE WEED AND GRASS ORDINANCE**" a true and accurate copy of said Ordinance being attached hereto.

I do further certify each member of the Village Board was given notice of said meeting in accordance with the procedural rules of the Village; that the deliberations of the Village Board were taken openly; that the vote on the adoption of said ordinance was taken openly; that said meeting was held at a time and place convenient to the public after strict compliance with all requirements of "An Act In Relation To Meetings" approved July 11, 1957, as amended (the Open Meetings Act), and that the Village Board has complied with all other applicable laws, ordinances, regulations and procedures in the adoption of said ordinance.

Dated this 9th day of September, A.D. 2009.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

Joanne Holman
Village Clerk