

# VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

CLARK & MARATHON COUNTIES

## ORDINANCE 158 AMENDED: REGULATING THE CUTTING AND/OR REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS, UNSIGHTLY OR UNSAFE GROWTHS OF GRASS OR SHRUBS, AND OTHER VEGETATION.

BE IT, HEREBY, ORDAINED, by the Village Board of the Village of Dorchester, Clark/Marathon Counties, Wisconsin, as follows:

### **Section I – Definition:**

The following weeds are declared to be noxious weeds: Canada thistle or other thistle, leafy spurge, field bindweed (creeping Jenny), English charlock or wild mustard, goatsbeard, quack or quitch grass, field dodder, Indian mustard, wild oxeye daisy, wild snapdragon, toadflex, or butter and eggs, sow thistle, curled yellow or sour dock, burdock, American cocklebur, common cocklebur, wild parsnip, Russian American wild barley, skunk grass, wild morning glory or field bind weed, wild onion, field garlic or wild garlic, sweet clover, fleabane orchard grass, mild weed, ragweed, wild lettuce, roadside thistle, foxtail, yarrow, meadow grass, bull grass, Bermuda grass, smut grass, Johnson grass, feather grass, foxtail grass, cockspur grass, poison ivy, and stinging nettle.

### **Section II – Cutting and/or Removal:**

Every owner or agent in charge of any parcel of real estate within the limits of this Village shall cut and/or remove any noxious weeds, unsightly or unsafe growth or grass or shrubs, or other vegetation located on the parcel of real estate or on any sidewalk, street, or alley upon which the real estate abuts, in order to maintain the real estate in a healthful and slightly condition, and in order to prevent such growth from obstructing the view of any pedestrian, motorist, or cyclist of any approaching pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

### **Section III – Weed Commissioner:**

The President of the Village shall appoint the employees of the Public Works department as Weed Commissioners at the annual Village Organizational Meeting in April. The Weed Commissioners shall have the powers and duties defined in Section 66.97 and 66.98 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

### **Section IV – Removal by Village:**

If the owner or agent in charge of any real estate within the limits of this Village neglects to cut and/or remove any noxious weeds, unsightly or unsafe growths of grass or shrubs, or other vegetation as herein required, the Weed Commissioners shall, after giving five (5) days written notice by mail to the owner or agent in charge of such real estate, enter onto the real estate and cause the weeds, unsightly or unsafe growths of grass or shrubs, or other vegetation to be destroyed, and the expense shall be billed to said owner or agent. Costs charged will be based on lot size and the actual time required to remove above referenced weeds and unsafe growths.

### **Section V – Assessment of Costs:**

Before October 1 of each year, the Village Clerk shall compile a statement showing in each case the unpaid expenses incurred by the Village in the cutting and/or removal of any noxious weeds, unsightly

or unsafe growths of grass or shrubs, or other vegetation, such cutting and/or removal being necessitated by the failure of the owner or agent in charge of the real estate to comply with this ordinance, along with a description of the real estate charged and the name of the owner or agent in charge of such real estate, if known. The Village Clerk shall enter upon the next tax roll the amount taxed opposite the description of such real estate, and such tax shall be collected as other taxes on the roll.

**Section VI – Penalties:**

Furthermore, in addition to the assessment of costs as stated in Section V of this ordinance, any owner or agent in charge of such real estate violating the terms of this ordinance who fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall forfeit for each offense the sum of not less than Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), and each and every day such violation is continued shall be considered a separate offense.

**Section VII – Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances:**

All previous ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**Section VIII – Effective Date:**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed at a regular session of the Village Board this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

  
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Wayne Rau, Resident

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Brooke Ruge, Village Clerk

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