

ORDINANCE NO. 178

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OPEN STORAGE AND ABANDONED AND/OR DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS.

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

Section 1 - Open Storage. Building materials may not be stored unscreened on the property, except during the construction or remodeling of a building. Piles of ground, fill, sand, gravel, and stone, or any other similar building material, shall not be left in an unleveled state. Debris, trash, and other items of personal property with minimal value, if any, shall not be stored, strewn, placed or maintained on any property located within the Village of Dorchester in such a way as to be unsightly to the neighborhood or to the community. Any property owner violating this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00, and each day that such violation shall be permitted to continue shall be deemed a separate violation of the ordinance, and subject to said fine for each day of such violation. This Ordinance is not intended to apply to materials used in conjunction with the operation of a business.

Section 2 - Abandoned or Dilapidated Buildings. If a building is abandoned and/or in a state of disrepair such that it is a dilapidated building, then the Village of Dorchester, through its Village Board, may order the owner to raze and make safe and sanitary. For purposes of this ordinance, abandonment shall include only minimal use of a building. If said Order is not complied with by the owner of the property, then the Village of Dorchester shall provide a second written notice of said Order to the property owner. If said Order is not complied with by the property owner, after a second written notice, then the Village of Dorchester may take necessary steps to have the building razed and removed. In such razing and removal, the Village may hire an independent contractor(s) or direct its own Village employees to do such razing and removal. All costs of razing and removing the building will be the expense of the property owner. If such costs are not paid in a timely manner by the property owner, then the Village may levy the amount left outstanding as a special assessment and add said amount to the property owner's real estate tax statement. The Village shall apply the powers granted to it under Wisconsin Statute Section 61.34(4) to collect said special assessment.

Section 3 - Enforcement. The failure of the Village to enforce this ordinance, or any part thereof, shall in no event be deemed to waive any right to do so at a later date.

Section 4 - Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinance or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 5 - Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and publication.

Adopted and approved this 4th day of June, 1997

VILLAGE OF DORCHESTER

By James Jantsch
James Jantsch, President

Attest Judy Robida
Judy Robida, Clerk

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