

ORDINANCE # 17-10-01

Grass and Weeds

An ORDINANCE regulating grass and weeds upon properties within the Village of Clifton.

WHEREAS, the Village of Clifton is charged with regulating and enforcing the public peace, health, safety, welfare and morals of its residents, consistent with the laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, there exist current conditions regarding weeds and grass upon Village premises, which negatively impacts the public peace, health, safety, welfare and morals of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Clifton wishes to set out its rules and regulations with regard to such matters,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Clifton:

Section 1: No owner, occupant or person having the charge or management of any land or property situated within the Village, shall permit any weeds or grass to grow thereon, to a height exceeding ten inches.

Section 2: For the purposes of this section, the term “weeds” means any vegetation commonly referred to as weeds, but shall not include flowers, ornamental plants, shrubs and gardens that are reasonably maintained.

Section 3: Upon the Mayor discovering lands upon which grass or noxious weeds exceed the height of 10 inches, the Mayor shall conspicuously post upon said property, a notice that said property must be placed in compliance with this section within 10 days. The Mayor shall note, upon posting, the date and time upon which said posting was erected.

Section 4: Following ten (10) days from said posting of noncompliance, the Mayor of Clifton shall cause said lands or property to be mowed to a height of less than 10 inches. The cost of said abatement shall be calculated by the Mayor and shall be billed to the property owner.

Section 5: This Ordinance applies to all owners, lessees, agents or tenants having charge of any land or property in the Village of Clifton.

Section 6: The Mayor and/or a member of Village Council shall have access to Village property for the inspection and enforcement of this Ordinance.

Section 7: Upon the failure to satisfy said billing, of any owner of record of lands or properties, to which the Mayor has so billed for abatement, then from time to time, the Village Fiscal Officer shall certify said billing and cause said billing to be communicated to the County Auditor and said billing shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the Village and credited to the General Fund.

Section 8: Any person given notice of violation may have a hearing with the Village Council to appeal the violation for which abatement is being sought. A request for a hearing must be in writing and delivered to the Mayor or a Council Member within 5 days of the posting of said notice of violation.

Section 9: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor and Village Council and posting for ten days.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk-Treasurer