

CHAPTER 7
PLANTS AND WEEDS

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6-7-1: WEEDS: NUISANCE

Any weeds, such as jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur or other weeds of like kind, found growing in any lot or tract of land in the Village area are hereby to be a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful to permit any such weeds to grow or remain in any such place.

6-7-2: 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.

6-7-3: BARBERRY BUSHES

It shall be a nuisance and unlswful to plant or permit the growth of the bush of the species of tall, common or European barberry further known as Barberis Vulgaris, or its horticultural varieties within the Village.

6-7-4: REMOVAL: NOTICES

It shall be the duty of the Health Officer, or the designated member of the Village Board, to serve or cause to be served a registered or certified letter to the owner or occupant of any premises on which weeds or grass are permitted to grow in violation of the provisions of this Chapter and to demand the abatement of this nuisance within ten (10) days of this written notice. Said property shall thereafter be kept in compliance with this Chapter for the remainder of the year and no further notice from the Village to the Owner or Occupant shall be required to enforce the penalty provisions of this Ordinance.

6-7-5: ABATEMENT

If the person so served does not abate the nuisance within ten (10) days after such notice, the Health Officer or other designated member of the Village Board, may proceed to abate such nuisance, and such expenses shall be charged to and paid by the owner or occupant and/or occupant of the property at the rate of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per lot or parcel per mowing or other abatement proceedings.

6-7-6: PENALTY

Any person who owns property within the Village where weeds or grass are permitted to grow, must cut or destroy such weeds or grass before they grown eight inches (8") in height or whenever said weeds or grass 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 Health Officer, or a designated member of the Village Board, shall cause said weeds or grass to be cut and shall collect the costs thereof from the owner or occupier of said private property at the rate of Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) per lot or parcel per mowing of said lot or parcel.

In the event said owner refuses or neglects to pay said cost within thirty (30) days after receiving a bill therefore, said Health Officer or designated member of the Village Board, shall cause a lien to be filed against said premises in accordance with the provisions of Ch. 65 ILCS, 5/11-20-7. The Village is further authorized to commence civil proceedings to collect monies owed to the Village under this Chapter and in addition to all reasonable expenses incurred may collect costs and attorney's fees incurred by the Village to enforce the civil penalties contained in this Chapter.

In addition to the above sanctions, any person violating any provision of this Chapter shall also be fined not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), for each offense. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each lot or parcel and for every day during which a violation continues to exist.

In the event a person is accused of a violation of this Section and the Village does not wish to contest the accusation, said person so accused may pay to the Clerk at the Village Hall a minimum fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of the citation, the date of issuance included, for an in full satisfaction of said violation.