

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES OF WEEDS
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LEAWOOD, AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR MAINTAINING
THESE NUISANCES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
LEAWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of Village of Leawood, Missouri, hereby adopts the following ordinance providing for abatement of nuisances for weeds within the Village of Leawood and providing penalties for maintaining nuisances. This ordinance replaces "ARTICLE III. WEEDS" of Nuisance Ordinance 99-01.

Section 2. Declaration of Nuisance.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any parcel of ground located within the corporate limits of the Village to allow or maintain on any parcel of ground any growth of weeds to a height in excess of ten (10) inches; provided however, that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to apply to any field used for commercial farming purposes. Each day on which such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. Notice to Remove - Removal by Village upon Owner's Failure.

- (a) **Failure to Keep Weeds, High Grass, and Brush Cut and Removed, a Nuisance.** All persons owning or occupying any lot or tract of land in the Village shall keep the weeds, high grass, and brush growing on such property cut and removed. Whenever such weeds, high grass, and brush shall attain the height of ten (10) inches, it shall be deemed a public nuisance. Each day on which violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. Abatement by Village of Leawood.

- (a) **Notice not required.** If the owner or occupant of property fails to comply with section 3, the village shall not be required to give any notice to the owner of such violation of section 3, and the village may enter upon the lots and cut and remove weeds, brush and high grass.
- (b) **Liability.** Whenever weeds, in violation of section 3 are allowed to grow on any part of lot or ground within the Village, the owner of the ground, or in the case of joint tenancy by entireties or tenancy in common, each owner thereof, shall be liable.
- (c) **Disposition.** The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Leawood or his duly authorized representative shall have the weeds cut down and removed, shall certify the costs of same to the Village Clerk.
- (d) **Bill.** The Village Clerk shall cause a special bill or tax bill thereof against owner and property. If said bill is not paid promptly by owner, then a first lien against the property shall be file until paid.
- (e) **Penalty.** It shall be unlawful for any person to allow weeds to grow in violation of section 3. of this ordinance. Any violator shall, upon conviction, be

found guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Section 5: This Ordinance having been available for public inspection prior to its consideration by the Board of Trustees, and having been read by title twice prior to passage, shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Board of Trustees.

APPROVED after final passage, this 17th day of September, 2013.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

VILLAGE CLERK