

ORDINANCE 2017 AA6-1-7 OF THE ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HIXTON FOR 2017.

An ordinance regarding the unique nature of the problems associated with lawns, grasses, and noxious weeds being allowed to grow to excessive lengths in the Village.

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HIXTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

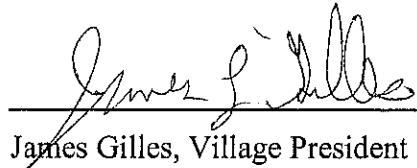
Section1. Section A6-1-7 of the Village Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

A6-1-7 REGULATION OF LENGTH OF LAWN AND GRASSES.

- A. **Public Nuisance Declared.** The Village Board finds that lawns, grasses, and noxious weeds (all together herein, "Lawns") on lots or parcels of land which exceed seven (7) inches in length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomfoting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other land within the Village. For that reason, any lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds seven (7) inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
- B. **Nuisances Prohibited.** Every owner or occupant of any premises having a lawn shall cut and maintain such lawn at a height not exceeding seven (7) inches on such premises as well as the boulevard in front of or along such premises.
- C. If an property is in violation of this Section, the Village weed commissioner (or his/her designee) may provide written notice of such violation to the property owner or occupant, or both, via regular mail at the address provided for the property owner on the tax roll (for the property owner) or the address of the property; at issue (for the property occupant). If the property is not complaint with the requirements of Section 6-1-7(B) within 7 days of the date of the mailing of said written notice, the property owner and/or occupant shall be deemed to be in violation of this Section.
- D. **Violation.**
 - 1. Any owner or occupant who violates any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture with an additional forfeiture for each day that the property is not compliant with the requirements of this ordinance after the notice deadline date set forth in section 6-1-7(C).
 - 2. In addition to the forfeiture set forth above, the Village may file an action for injunctive relief, whereby the owner or occupant of an non-compliant property shall be ordered to abate the nuisance and cause the property to comply with the requirements of Section 6-1-7(B).

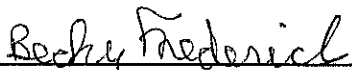
Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon the date of publication as provided in Section 61.50 (1), Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2017.



James Gilles, Village President

ATTEST:



Becky Frederick, Village Clerk

PASSED:

PUBLISHED:

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