

ORDINANCE NO. 266

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE GROWTH OF WEEDS AND GRASS  
IN THE VILLAGE OF MENDON, ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees and the President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mendon, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. To permit or allow weeds, grass or other plants, other than ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and flowers, to grow to a height exceeding ten inches (10") anywhere in the Village of Mendon is declared to be a nuisance.

Section 2. It is hereby declared to be unlawful and prohibited for any person, firm or corporation within the corporate limits of the Village of Mendon, Adams County, Illinois, to permit or allow weeds, grass or plants, other than ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and flowers, to grow to a height exceeding ten inches (10") anywhere in the Village of Mendon, Adams County, Illinois.

Section 3. When any owner, agent, occupant or person in possession of any lot or premises whereon a nuisance as described in this Ordinance exists, the Village shall serve a written notice to abate the same within a specified reasonable time and a notice of at least seven (7) days shall be considered reasonable notice. In the event the owner, agent, occupant or person in possession of the premises is unknown, it shall be sufficient to give such notice to any owner of the premises as disclosed on the current tax records of Adams County, Illinois.

Section 4. Every notice served under this Ordinance, in addition to requiring the abatement of the nuisance, shall advise the person to whom the notice was given that if the nuisance is not abated within the given time, the Village of Mendon may abate the nuisance and that the cost and expense related to such abatement shall be charged to the person, firm or corporation.

Section 5. Whenever the Village of Mendon is required to abate or remove a nuisance pursuant to this Ordinance, the cost and expenses shall be a lien on the property on which the nuisance existed. Within sixty (60) days after the costs and expenses incurred are determined, the Village shall file a Notice of Lien in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Adams County, Illinois, for the amount of the costs and expenses incurred in the abatement of the nuisance. The filing of said Notice of Lien in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds indexed to the property on which the lien attaches, shall make the costs and expenses of the abatement of the nuisance a lien against the subject property. Upon the payment of the costs and expenses, the Village of Mendon shall file a Release of Lien. Concurrent with the filing of the Notice of Lien, notice of the filing of the lien shall be given to the person to whom the notice of nuisance was given.

Section 6. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance and the allowance of a nuisance to exist, in addition to the relief as provided herein, shall be punishable by a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Section 7. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its passage and publication.

ATTEST:

Elaine Roberts  
Village Clerk

Gene Roberts  
Village President

PASSED: 9-7-82  
APPROVED: 9-7-82