

ORDINANCE NO. 333

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VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE REGARDING WEEDS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 302

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has passed Ordinance No. 302 regarding, among other things, the control of weeds in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the control of weeds continues to be a problem in the Village, and the Board of Trustees intends to amend the portion of Ordinance No. 302 regarding weed control to conform Village practices to those set forth in Sections 11-20-6 and 11-20-7 of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined that said amendment serves the best interests of the Village and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE, PEORIA COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That Article II of Ordinance No. 302 of the Village of Bellevue, pertaining to Weeds, be deleted in its entirety, and the following paragraphs be substituted therefor:

ARTICLE II
WEEDS

Section 2.1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or other entity (the "Owner") to permit the growth of Weeds on land that the Owner owns or controls in the Village of Bellevue. It shall be the duty of the Owner to cut or otherwise eradicate such Weeds whenever necessary or proper to maintain the aesthetic appearance of the Village and promote the health and safety of its residents.

Section 2.2. In case of violation of Section 2.1 hereof, the Village shall notify the Owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the address to which the last property tax bill on the premises was sent, that if said Weeds are not cut within three (3) days after service of notice, the Village will cause said Weeds to be cut and charge the Owner for its costs in doing so. After such Weeds are cut, the Village promptly shall advise the Owner in writing of the cost of such cutting.

Section 2.3. If cost of cutting is not promptly paid, the Village shall file a lien with respect to the real estate affected in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Peoria County, as provided by Section 11-20-7 of the Illinois Municipal Code. The Village Board may take such action with respect to such lien as it deems in the best interests of the Village. In addition to any costs and expenses incurred by the Village pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof, any person or persons violating the provisions of Section 2.1 of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each day of such offense.

Section 2.4. For purposes of this Article II, "Weeds" shall mean any rank vegetable growth or growth that tends to overgrow or choke out more desirable plants. This shall include, but not be limited to, grass grown to a height of one (1) foot.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the date of its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE, 1989.

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Absent: _____

VILLAGE OF BELLEVUE

Larry Howard, President

Attest:

Carol S. Howard, Clerk