

ORDINANCE NO. 1903

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1896 AND ENACTING PROVISIONS FOR CUTTING GRASS AND WEEDS IN THE VILLAGE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PENALTY.

WHEREAS, the Village of Dennison, Ohio, desires to establish provisions for cutting and removal of grass and weeds on property located in the Village of Dennison and providing for penalties for those persons who have not complied with the ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the legislative authority of the Village of Dennison, State of Ohio, as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person, individual, corporation, partnership, tenant, or other individual owning land or renting real estate or controlling real estate within the limits of the Village of Dennison shall keep said property, real estate or land free of grass in excess of six (6) inches and free of weeds and noxious vegetation in excess of six (6) inches on the lot or lots owned and controlled by said person, tenant, or corporation.

SECTION 2. Upon information that grass in excess of six (6) inches or weeds and or vegetation in excess of six (6) inches has grown on lots or other land within the Village of Dennison, the Village Council or police of the Village of Dennison shall cause a written notice to be served on the person, tenant, or corporation having control having control or charge of said lot or land; provided however, that said person, tenant or corporation has not previously been cited for a violation of this ordinance during the current calendar year; and said person, tenant, or corporation shall cut and or remove grass and weeds within 72 hours from the date said notice was served.

If such person, tenant, or corporation having charge of said lot or land within the Village of Dennison is a non-resident, whose address is known such notice shall be sent to his address by registered mail. If the person, tenant, or corporation owning said land and whose address is unknown then the notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation advising said person, tenant, or corporation that he or she shall have 72 hours to remove said grass or weeds from the date the notice was published in the newspaper.

SECTION 3. Any Village police officer of the Village of Dennison or Clerk of Council of Dennison may make service and return of the notice of service upon any person, tenant, or corporation and may file said notice with the Mayor’s court or other Court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. Any person, tenant, or corporation who fails to cut and remove said grass and weeds within 72 hours from the time said notice was served shall be charged with a violation of this ordinance. Each day after the first day a citation is issued under this ordinance shall be deemed to be a separate violation and may be charged as an additional violation by Village Police Department. No written notice shall be given for persons, tenants or corporations who have previously been cited for violations of this ordinance, and any Village Police Officer of the Village of Dennison or Clerk of Council of the Village of Dennison may issue a new citation for each day a violation continues.

SECTION 5. Whoever violates Section 4 of this ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.00 for each violation, and said violation shall be a minor misdemeanor.

SECTION 6. Ordinance No. 1896 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, provided it receives the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members elected to or appointed to Council from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED this 20th day of July, 1989.

APPROVED:

Gregory L. DiDonato, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Ronnie Vinci, CLERK

Brad Hillyer, VILLAGE SOLICITOR