

Chapter 19

PLANTS AND WEEDS

Sec. 1. WEEDS - NUISANCE

Any weeds such as jimson, burdock, ragweed, cocklebur, or other weeds of a like kind, found growing in any lot or tract of land in the Village are hereby declared to be a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful to permit any such weeds to grow or remain in any such place.

Sec. 2. HEIGHT

It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass, or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers, or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding eight inches anywhere in the Village; any such plants or weeds exceeding such height are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

Sec. 3. REMOVAL - NOTICE

It shall be the duty of the Village Board to serve or cause to be served a notice upon the owner or occupant of any premises upon which weeds or plants are permitted to grow in violation of the provisions of this Chapter and to demand the abatement of the nuisance within five days. It shall be necessary to serve such notice only once during any calendar year. Any such violations that occur thereafter may be abated by the Village as set forth in Section 4.

Sec. 4. ABATEMENT

If the person so served does not abate the nuisance within five days after such notice the Village Board may proceed to abate such nuisance, keeping an account of the expense of the abatement, and such expense shall be charged to and paid by such owner or occupant, and in no event shall such expense be less than \$50.00.

Sec. 5. PENALTY

After advising a property owner of the violation, the Village reserves the right to mow the property of others. They will then assess the property owner a charge for their work based on current hourly wages paid to village employees. Any person, firm, or corporation violating any provisions of this Chapter shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00 for each offense; and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which such nuisance continues unabated after five days from the issuance of the notice. The municipality's removal cost constitutes a lien against the property. (65 ILCS 5/11-20-7)