

TOWN OF MENTOR
CLARK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

ORDINANCE 125

**THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MENTOR, CLARK COUNTY, WISCONSIN,
DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Ordinance # 125 for the Town of Mentor is hereby created as follows:

ORDINANCE REGULATING LENGTH OF LAWN AND GRASSES

Section 1. Public Nuisance Declared.

The Town Board finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds (collectively "Lawns") on lots or parcels of land where a residence, business, dwelling, or any other improvement is located which exceed seven inches (7") 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 Town. For that reason, any lawn, grass, or noxious weed on a lot or other parcel of land where a residence, business, dwelling, or any other improvement is located which exceeds seven inches (7") in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

Section 2. Nuisances Prohibited. Every owner or occupant of any premises having a Lawn shall cut and maintain such Lawn at a height not exceeding seven inches (7") on such premises as well as the boulevard in front of or along such premises.

Section 3. Notice. If any property is in violation of this Ordinance, the Town weed commissioner, the Town Chairman, or the Town's designate law enforcement officer 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 compliant with the requirements of Section 2 of this Ordinance within 14 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 Ordinance.

Section 4. Violation.

- a. Any owner or occupant who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$50 for the initial offense, with an additional forfeiture of \$20 per day for each day that the property is not compliant with the requirements of this Ordinance after the notice deadline date set forth in Section 3, above.

- b. In addition to the forfeiture set forth above, the Town may file an action for injunctive relief, whereby the owner or occupant of a non-compliant property shall be ordered to abate the nuisance and cause the property to comply with the requirements of Section 2, above.


Section 5. Adoption. Following passage by the Town Board, this ordinance shall take effect upon the date of publication as provided in Section 60.80, Wisconsin Statutes.

Adopted this 12 day of Sept, 2017

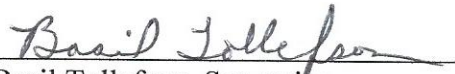
By the Town Board of Mentor, Clark County, Wisconsin



Tim Gile, Chairperson

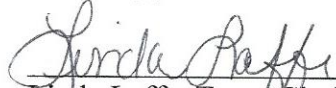


Carol Johnson, Supervisor



Basil Tollefson, Supervisor

Attest:



Linda Laffe, Town Clerk