

## Ordinance No. 98-05

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County of Will         )

An ordinance for the regulation of weeds on private premises and providing for the destruction of weeds at the expense of owners of the premises on which weeds are growing in unincorporated Plainfield Township.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of the Township of Plainfield, County of Will, and State of Illinois:

- Section I.** Weeds exhale unpleasant or noxious odors, conceal filthy deposits, provide a breeding place for mosquitos, flies, and insects and promote a condition of uncleanness and general lack of sanitation.
- Section II.** Weeds are hereby declared to be a menace to public health and a nuisance, and it is unlawful for anyone to permit their existence or growth in unincorporated Plainfield Township in any manner inconsistent with or contrary to this ordinance.
- Section III.** The word "weeds" as used in this ordinance is defined to include all rank or noxious vegetation, plants, or grass over eight (8) inches in height, but shall not include trees, bushes, flowers, ornamental plants or apply to lands under active agricultural or vegetable cultivation.
- Section IV.** All dead grass, dry weeds or similar dangerous combustible material remaining or lying upon any premises is likewise hereby declared to be a nuisance.
- Section V.** Pursuant to Section 1/105-15 of the Township Code, all such weeds shall be cut, pulled or destroyed by the owner or person in control of said premises within seven (7) days after notice is given by mail to the last known owner.
- Section VI.** Upon the failure of the owner, tenant, or person in charge of premises to cut, destroy and remove weeds within the time prescribed after notice, then the Township may enter upon said premises and proceed to cut, destroy and remove said weeds at the expense of the owner of the premises, on which said weeds are growing. This provision is the sufficient authority of the Township to proceed and act accordingly. Express power to so enter upon such premises and destroy such weeds is hereby conferred upon the Township or its agents or contractors. A statement for all expenses incurred in cutting the weeds shall be sent to the last known owner.

Section VII. In case the expense incurred in the destruction of weeds upon any particular premises is not paid by the owner, tenant, or person in charge, then the Township shall have a lien upon the premises for the expense of cutting the weeds.

Section VIII. This lien may be in force by an action at law against the owner or by filing within sixty (60) days with the Recorder of Deeds of Will County a Notice of Lien which shall consist of a sworn statement setting out: (1) a description of the real estate sufficient for identification thereof, (2) the amount of money representing the costs and expenses incurred or payable for the services, (3) the date or dates when such costs or expenses were incurred by the Township.

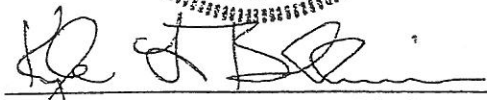
Section IX. Wherever the word, "owner", "tenant", or "person" or either of them, are used in this ordinance, it is intended to denote either the singular or plural use of the word as the same may be necessary.

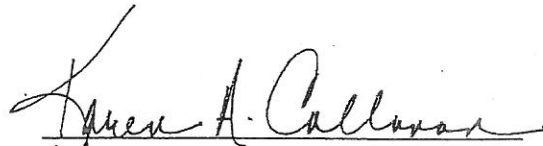
Section X. The invalidity of any part or section of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereof.

Section XI. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon its passage, approval and publication as made and provided by law:



Attest:

  
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Kyle L. Baldwin, Clerk

  
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Karen A. Callanan, Supervisor

Ayes: 4  
Nays: 0

June 8, 1998