

LOCAL LAW # 3-2010

HIGH GRASS, WEED, AND BRUSH CONTROL

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Addison in the County of Steuben on September 13, 2010, as follows:

SECTION #1: PURPOSE AND INTENT

High grass weeds and brush besides being a public hazard and nuisance, also provides a haven for rodents, snakes and insect infestation. It is the intent of this law to stem this ever occurring problem within the Village of Addison.

SECTION #2: DEFINITIONS

Code and Zoning Officer: The officer or other designated authority charged with the administration of this law.

Infestation: The presence in abundance, within or contiguous to an area of rats, vermin insects or other pest.

Real Property: Includes all parcels of land within the Village of Addison whether it to be unimproved or improved, occupied or unoccupied.

SECTION #3: CUTTING AND REMOVAL

Every occupant of real property or owner of real property, whether said property is occupied, unoccupied improved or unimproved shall, on or before the 15th day of April, and through the 15th day of October, both inclusive of each calendar year, cut, mow or remove all grass, weeds, brush, and briars located thereon that has reached a height of 5” (inches) or more. The only exception being ornamental trees, shrubs, cultivated flowers and plants that are not in violation of other Laws and Village Zoning. All foliage on the property shall be maintained as not to cause a public or health nuisance.

SECTION #4: NOTICE TO REMOVE, REMOVAL BY VILLAGE, LIABILITY FOR COST

A- NOTICE: Upon receiving a complaint, or by viewing uncut, grass, weeds, and/or brush the code and zoning officer or a designee can order the cutting or removal of said grass, weeds and/or brush. The owner and/or occupant of said property shall be notified in writing, either hand delivered, or mailed. The notice will state that the said grass, weeds, and /or brush must be mowed, cut, or removed within 48 hours of receiving notice.

- B- REMOVAL BY VILLAGE OF ADDISON: If the grass, weeds, and/or brush are not removed within the time frame stated the Village of Addison Public Works Department, or a designee shall enter onto said property and cut or remove same.
- C- LIABILITY FOR COST: The property owner will be billed for these services at a rate to be determined by the Village of Addison (Department of Public Works Superintendent). There will be a minimum charge of \$35.00 for each and every violation. This bill must be paid within 30 days and if unpaid the cost will be levied against the owners, property taxes.

SECTION #5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This law will take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.