

ORDINANCE NO. 117

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING HEALTH, SAFETY, ORDER, CONVENIENCE, PROSPERITY AND GENERAL WELFARE BY ENACTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GLYNDON TO BE MAINTAINED AND FOR PROVIDING CONTROL OF THE GROWTH OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND LONG GRASSES AND OF THE ACCUMULATION OF RUBBISH, DEBRIS, DOWNED TREES, BRANCHES, DISCARDED ITEMS OR MATERIALS THAT CREATES CLUTTER OR UNSIGHTLINESS IN AN AREA.

BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CONTROL OF WEEDS AND LONG GRASSES GROWTH:

Removal: Every owner or occupant of land or, if the land is unoccupied, the owner or resident agent, shall cut down, destroy or eradicate all noxious weeds (as defined by the laws of the State of Minnesota), and grasses standing or growing upon such lands, in such manner and at such times as may be directed or ordered by a City Employee. Any land, with over twenty percent (20%) of its grass and weed growth above the height of six inches (6") will be considered in violation of this ordinance. Further, every owner of land or property, if the land is unoccupied, is responsible to assure that all land must remain free of accumulation of rubbish, debris, downed trees, branches, discarded items, or any clutter that creates unsightliness in an area.

SECTION 2. INSPECTIONS AND WRITTEN NOTICES:

A City employee shall examine properties within the city for the purpose of ascertaining if the provisions of the above section are being complied with, and if it is found that such is not the case, a notice in writing shall be issued requiring them to cut down, destroy or eradicate, within seven (7) days, all noxious weeds and long grasses which are growing or in danger of going to seed or of the need to implement the cleaning up of the property for whatever reasons stated in the written notice that are in conflict with the requirements in this ordinance.

SECTION 3. WEED AND GRASS GROWTH CUTTING OR PROPERTY CLEANUP:

Whenever any person(s) fail to comply with the notice served upon them, the City shall cause the compliance to be implemented at the expense of the owner of the property. The expense of the cutting or cleanup maintenance of said land shall be billed directly to the landowner. Said notice shall be served by depositing a copy in the post office addressed to the owner at the address shown on the real estate tax rolls of Clay County or other address if deemed more appropriate. If payment is not forthcoming by October 1 of that year, the bill, along with administrative expenses, shall be assessed against the property as provided by law.

SECTION 4. PENALTY:

A violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and anyone found in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to all penalties and fines provided for violation of a misdemeanor offense.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Glyndon, Minnesota, this 14 day of July, 1993.



John Butze, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dennis Johnson, City Clerk