

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 30043

Ordinance No. _____

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ORDINANCE 2025-20

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORD. 2025-15 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1333.01, 1333.02, 1333.03, AND 1333.04 OF THE VILLAGE CODE

WHEREAS, the Village of Doylestown is a charter municipality with home rule authority under Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, high grass and noxious weeds on private property constitute a nuisance and health hazard, particularly during the growing season; and

WHEREAS, the Village seeks to protect public welfare through timely and efficient enforcement procedures;

NOW THEREFORE, by the Council of the Village of Doylestown, County of Wayne, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1: Sections 1333.01, 1333.02, 1333.03, and 1333.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Doylestown are hereby amended to read as follows:

1333.01 CUTTING REQUIRED

(a) The owner having the care of any lot or land within the Village shall cut down and remove therefrom all offensive and noxious weeds, vines and grass of a height of eight inches or more and any and all weeds, vines and grass constituting a threat to the public health, safety and welfare

(b) It is a prima-facie violation of this chapter if weeds eight inches or more in height exist on any lot.

(c) The Village Zoning Inspector or designee of the Village Administrator Mayor shall cause annual notice to be posted on the Village website notifying residents of the requirement of this chapter.

1333.02 NOTICE TO OWNER TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS, REMOVE LITTER; SERVICE

(a) When the Village Zoning Inspector of his designated agent determines that such weeds as described in Section 1333.01(a) exist on one of the days set forth in Section 1333.01(b), he shall forthwith serve written notice in a conspicuous location on the property upon the owner of such lot or land, ordering the cutting and removal of such weeds and noxious grasses. (b) Only one notice per calendar year under subsection (a) hereof is required for a lot or parcel. If, after a notice has been served in accordance with this section the Village Zoning Inspector or his designated agent, determine that a subsequent violation has occurred, the Village may proceed with the remedy set forth in Section 1333.04 without further notice.

(c) Upon evidence that litter has been placed on lands in the Village, and has not been removed, and constitutes a detriment to public health, the Zoning Inspector shall cause a written notice to be served upon the owner, and, if different, upon the lessee, agent or tenant having charge of the littered land, notifying him or her that litter is on the land, and that it must be collected and removed within five days after service of the notice.

(d) As used in this section and Section 1333.04, "litter" includes any garbage, waste, peelings of vegetables or fruits, rubbish, ashes, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes,

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parts of automobiles, wagons, furniture, glass, oil of an unsightly or unsanitary nature, or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature.

(e) If the owner or other person having charge of the land is a nonresident of the Village whose address is known, the notice shall be sent to his or her address by certified mail. If the address of the owner or other person having charge of the land is unknown, it is sufficient to publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.

(f) This section does not apply to land being used under a municipal building or construction permit or license, a municipal permit or license, or a conditional zoning permit or variance to operate a junkyard, scrap metal processing facility, or similar business, or a permit or license issued pursuant to Ohio R.C. Chapter 3734, Ohio R.C. 4737.05 to 4737.12, or Ohio R.C. Chapter 6111.

1333.04 PROCEDURE WHEN OWNER FAILS TO COMPLY WITH NOTICE.

(a) Upon failure of the property owner to comply within forty-eight (48) hours of the posted notice, the Village may proceed with cutting and removal of weeds and grass. The Village Administrator is authorized to employ personnel or private contractors to perform the work.

(b) If the owner of such land mentioned in Section 1333.01(a) fails to comply with the notice provided for in Section 1333.02, the Village shall cause such noxious weeds and grass to be cut and removed. Such cutting and removing shall be at the owner's expense and the costs. Together with an administration fee of twenty percent shall be assessed against the lot or land. Such administration fee shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

(c) Notice of such assessment shall be given to the owner of the lot or land charged therewith, or his agent, either in person or left at the usual place of residence or sent by mail, and all assessments not paid within ten days after the giving of such notice shall, after approval by Council, be certified by the Clerk of Council to the County Auditor to be placed on the tax duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected.

SECTION 2: All other provisions of the existing Section 1333 not replaced and/or revised hereto, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: That this Ordinance is hereby declared an emergency to implement and add these revised amendments to the existing code at the earliest possible time permitted by law for the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the Village and to have them in effect immediately.

PASSED: July 16, 2025

Attest:



Terry L. Lindeman, Mayor



Kristen J. Robison, Clerk of Council