

PROHIBITING GRASS AND WEEDS IN EXCESS OF EIGHT INCHES IN THE  
VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS. CREATING EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITION  
Ordinance 92-12 (9-14-1992) amending by Ordinance 99-10 (9-22-1999)

SECTION 1. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, agent or tenant having charge of any land in the Village of Ottawa Hills to cut and remove any grass or weeds on said property in excess of eight inches of height. The owner, agent or tenant having charge of land abutting on a public right-of-way shall also have the responsibility to cut and remove any grass or weeds on the abutting right-of-way in excess of eight inches in height.

SECTION 2. The owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land shall cut and remove such grass or weeds within five days after service of written notice of any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. If the owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such lands fails to comply with the written notice to cut and remove such grass or weeds, the Village shall cause such grass or weeds to be cut and removed and may employ the necessary labor to perform the task. All expenses incurred shall be paid by the Village of Ottawa Hills.

SECTION 4. The Village of Ottawa Hills shall determine the costs and expenses related to the removal of the grass and weeds, including an administrative fee and submit a written statement of such costs and expenses to the owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land for payment within thirty (30) days. In the event that such owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land fails to make payment to the Village of Ottawa Hills for such costs and expenses incurred by the Village within thirty (30) days, then such costs and expenses shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and shall be a lien upon such lands from the date of entry and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the General Fund of the Village.

SECTION 5. The requirement for written notice as provided in this Ordinance shall be satisfied by provision of one such written notice of violation per calendar year. The requirement for written notice as provided in this ordinance shall be delivered by certified mail or by personal delivery served upon an owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land or by leaving a notice of violation in a conspicuous location on the property.

SECTION 6. Any land in the Village of Ottawa Hills that is larger than 15 acres or any land that is predominantly wooded or is maintained in its natural state is exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.

## VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO

ORDINANCE No. 92-12

PROHIBITING GRASS AND WEEDS IN EXCESS OF EIGHT INCHES IN THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, CREATING EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROHIBITION, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 69-18 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the peace, health, safety and welfare of the Village of Ottawa Hills and its residents can be adversely affected by improper maintenance and care of property, and;

WHEREAS, property values can also be adversely impacted by failure to maintain proper standards for property maintenance, including cutting grass and weeds, and;

WHEREAS, legislation is necessary in order to allow the Village to assure for continued peace, health, safety and welfare of the community and maintenance of high property values;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, agent, or tenant having charge of any land in the Village of Ottawa Hills to cut and remove any grass or weeds on said property in excess of eight inches of height.

SECTION 2. The owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land shall cut and remove such grass or weeds within five days after service of written notice of any violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. If the owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such lands fails to comply with the written notice to cut and remove such grass or weeds, the Village shall cause such grass or weeds to be cut and removed and may employ the necessary labor to perform the task. All expenses incurred shall be paid by the Village of Ottawa Hills.

SECTION 4. The Village of Ottawa Hills shall determine the costs and expenses related to the removal of the grass and weeds, including an administrative fee and submit a written statement of such costs and expenses to the owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land for payment within thirty (30) days. In the event that such owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land fails to make payment to the Village of Ottawa Hills for such costs and expenses incurred by the Village within thirty (30) days, then such costs and expenses shall be entered upon the tax duplicate and shall be a lien upon such lands from the date of entry and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the General Fund of the Village.

SECTION 5. The requirement for written notice as provided in this Ordinance shall be satisfied by provision of one such written notice of violation per calendar year. The requirement for written notice as provided in this Ordinance shall be delivered by certified mail or by personal delivery served upon an owner, agent, or tenant having charge of such land or by leaving a notice of violation in a conspicuous location on the property.

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# VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO

## ORDINANCE No. 92-12

SECTION 7. Ordinance No. 69-18 as it is presently written, be, and the same hereby is, repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 8. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency made necessary for the continued peace, health, safety and welfare of the Village of Ottawa Hills and for the further reason that failure to cut and remove tall grass and noxious weeds is detrimental to the public health. As an emergency, it shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Vote on emergency clause:	Yeas <u>5</u> Nays <u>0</u>
Passed as an emergency measure: September 14, 1992	Yeas <u>5</u> Nays <u>0</u>

*Jean W. Younger*  
 President of Council

Attest:

*Gary M. Maluta*  
 Clerk of Council

# VILLAGE OF OTTAWA HILLS, OHIO

## ORDINANCE No. 99-10

AMENDING ORDINANCE 92-12 BY ADDING A CERTAIN SECTION AND REPEALING A CERTAIN SECTION.

WHEREAS, the peace, health, safety and welfare of the Village of Ottawa Hills and its residents can be adversely affected by improper maintenance and care of property, and

WHEREAS, property values can also be adversely impacted by failure to maintain proper standards for property maintenance, including cutting grass and weeds, both on private property and upon the abutting right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Ottawa Hills wishes to assure that both private property and property in the abutting public right-of-way is properly maintained for the peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Ottawa Hills.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF OTTAWA HILLS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance 92-12 as presently written, be, and the same is hereby amended, so that as so amended it shall read as follows:

"It shall be the responsibility of the owner, agent or tenant having charge of any land in the Village of Ottawa Hills to cut and remove any grass or weeds on said property in excess of eight inches of height. The owner, agent or tenant having charge of land abutting on a public right-of-way shall also have the responsibility to cut and remove any grass or weeds on the abutting right-of-way in excess of eight inches in height"

SECTION 2. Section 1 of Ordinance 92-12 as the same is presently written, be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Vote on emergency measure: Yeas n/a Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Passed as ~~an emergency measure~~: Yeas 5 Nays 0

September 22, 1999  
Date of passage

Attest:

Rev Decker  
Clerk of Council

Jean W Younger  
President of Council