

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1489

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NOXIOUS WEEDS AND GRASSES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF COLDWATER OHIO AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Coldwater, Mercer County, Ohio, that:

SECTION ONE

Upon information that noxious weeds or grasses are growing on lands within the Village of Coldwater, Ohio, in excess of a height of 6 inches or are about to spread or mature seeds, a Village police officer may cause a written notice to be served upon the owner, lessee, agent, or tenant having charge of such land, notifying him or her that such noxious weeds or grasses are growing on such lands and that they must be cut and destroyed within five days after the service of said notice. Ornamental grasses are hereby excluded from the provisions of this ordinance.

If such owner or other person having charge of such lands is a nonresident of the Village of Coldwater, Ohio, whose address is known, such notice shall be sent to his or her address by registered mail. If the address of such owner is unknown, it shall be sufficient to publish such notice once in a newspaper of general circulation within Mercer County, Ohio.

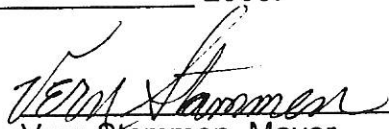
SECTION TWO

Whoever fails to comply with said notice in violation of this ordinance is guilty of a minor misdemeanor unless he or she has within the past two years been previously convicted of an offense under this section, then he or she is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after the expiration of the five-day period. In addition, the offender shall be required to pay the cost of having the noxious weeds and/or grasses cut and/or destroyed by the Village of Coldwater, Ohio, in the event the offender fails to comply with such notice. The cost shall be the actual cost of the services performed by the Village.

SECTION THREE

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted this 11TH day of AUGUST 2003.


Vern Stammen, Mayor

Attest:

