

VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON
Noxious Weed Ordinance # 80

The Village of Roscommon also known as "The Village" Ordains:

An Ordinance to regulate noxious weeds and/or grass within the Village of Roscommon.

Definition: The term "noxious weeds" is determined to be plants or grass over 8 inches in height unless part of a vegetable garden in which 25% of an open area within a developed lot is allowed.

- (1) The Noxious Weed Ordinance is in effect from May 1st through October 31st each year.

Cutting and Destroying Weeds: Under the provisions of this ordinance an owner or occupant is required to cut or otherwise destroy by lawful means all grass or noxious weeds on said property. Grass and weeds shall be cut to the height of less than eight inches throughout the growing season, including grass and weeds in the right-of-way. In an undeveloped lot, noxious weeds must cut back at a distance of 30 feet from the roadway so as to allow for clear line of sight.

Notices: After inspection, if a property is determined to be in violation a letter will be sent to the property owner and/or occupant. Violation notices shall be given to each owner and/or occupant of said premises in which the name appears in the last local assessment record of the Village. Such notice shall be mailed by first-class mail and/or by placing the notice on said property. From the date of "notice of violation" correspondence, the property owner and/or occupant will have fifteen (15) days to bring the property into compliance and thereby avoid all charges.

Failure to Comply: If properties are not completely brought into compliance within 15 days, it shall be the duty of the Village to enter upon the said land and to cause all such noxious weeds to be cut down, even in the event the property owner and/or occupant failed to receive said notice.

The Village of Roscommon or its agent will not be responsible for damage to buildings, vehicles, landscape, trees, shrubs, etc. occurring during the mowing of property in violation of this ordinance.

Cost and Charges: The cost of the mowing, to include equipment usage, transportation, man-hours involved, and overhead, will be assessed against said property at a rate of \$80.00 per hour, with a minimum of 1 hour, plus a 15% administrative fee.

Collection of Costs and Charges: All costs assessed are due within 60 days from the date of billing. If said costs are not paid within 60 days, an additional delinquency fee of 10% per month shall be levied against said property. The Village Treasurer shall enter all unpaid charges upon the next tax roll against the premises to which services were rendered as a special assessment. The Treasurer shall notify the owner of the premises, by first class mail at the last known address of the Village's intent to place the charges as a lien, if said charges are not paid in full within fifteen (15) days of the mailing of said notice.