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Introduced by: Councilman Rudolph Sutton, Jr.
Introduced on: September 17, 2014

ORDINANCE NO. 14-05

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND CONCERNING OVERGROWN WEEDS AND GRASS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND (a majority of the members elected thereto concurring therein):

Section 1. Amend Section 26-46 (d) of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Townsend, Delaware by adding thereto a new subparagraph to read as follows:

“5. The Town shall be required to give and the property owner entitled to receive notice only once per calendar year (January 1 through December 31) per parcel and shall proceed, without further notice, to cut the grass and improve the property each time, during said calendar year, the property is inspected and found to be in violation of this Article.”

Section 2. Amend Section 26-46 (e) of the Code of Ordinances, Town of Townsend, Delaware by adding to the end thereof the following:

“Upon the failure to correct the violation within the five (5) day period, the Town shall proceed in cutting, mowing, or otherwise improving the parcel. The cost thereof, together with any fines and costs, shall constitute claim against the owner or owners of the lot or parcel of ground, and may be collected as any other fine or cost is collected.”

Section 3. If any provision of this Act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall remain unaffected.

Section 4. This Act shall become effective immediately upon its passage into law.

SYNOPSIS

This Act revises the current prohibition against allowing one's property to become overgrown with grass, weeds or to accumulate rubbish, garbage and trash. For purposes of this Article, overgrown vegetation shall be grass or weeds in excess of ten inches in height. Section 1 of this Ordinance specifies that a property owner is entitled to one notice per calendar year of a violation of the Article. Section 2 of the Ordinance explicitly states that the Town may correct the violation and recover its costs and expenses related thereto.

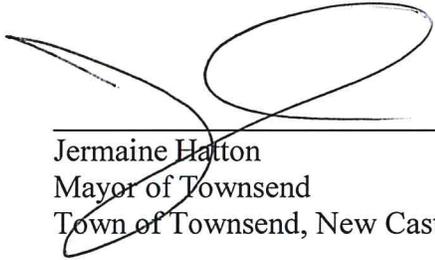
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