

By: Shaw

To provide for the removal of noxious and rank weeds and grass and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to determine on what lots and lands in the City there are growing noxious weeds and weeds and grass of rank growth. After a determination has been made that such noxious weeds or rank weed and grass growth constitute a nuisance or endanger the public health, it shall be the duty of the Mayor to see that said noxious or rank weeds and grass are removed or said nuisance abated.

Section 2. The Mayor shall cause written notice to be served upon the owners, lessees, agents or tenants having charge of such lots and lands referred to in Section 1, notifying them that noxious weeds or weeds or grass of rank growth are growing on such lots and lands and that they must be cut or destroyed within one calendar week after the service of such notice. If such owner or other person having charge of such lands, is a non-resident whose address is known, such notice shall be sent to his address by certified mail. If the address of such owner, whether a resident, or a nonresident, is unknown, it shall be sufficient to post such notice once on the property. After completion of notice, the Mayor shall make due return thereon, setting forth the estimated cost of service.

Section 3. Upon failure of any owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of the lots and lands under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 to comply with the notice within the period of time stipulated, under the provisions of Section 2, the Mayor shall cause such weeds and grass to be cut or destroyed by the direct employment of labor or authorize some person to cut the weeds and grass on behalf of the City.

Section 4. Upon the performance of the labor under the provisions of Section 3, the Mayor shall report the cost thereof to the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of each lot or parcel of land, and he shall have fifteen (15) days in which to pay the city for such labor plus the cost of investigation, handling of weed complaints and the costs of service and notification.

Section 5. If the same is not paid as provided in Section 3, the Mayor shall report to Council the cost thereof with respect to each lot or parcel of land, including the cost of investigation, handling of weed complaints and the costs of service and notification.

Section 6. Upon receipt of the report, under the provisions of Section 5, and approval thereof by Council, the City Clerk shall make a return in writing to the Auditor of Franklin County of such charges which shall be entered upon the tax duplicate of the County, all in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 731.54.

Section 7. That this ordinance is an emergency ordinance, necessary for the public peace, health and safety, by reason of the necessity for immediate action, and said ordinance shall go into immediate force and effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: May 28, 1968

Attest:

R. J. Gauscott  
Clerk of Council

J. R. T. T. T.  
President of Council

Approved: 5/28, 1968

K. W. McNamee  
MAYOR

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