

Sponsor: ELLIOTT / Crabtree

ORDINANCE NO. 31- 23

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING THE CITY OF JACKSON'S CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 557.01 GOVERNING WEED CONTROL

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the City of Jackson has published certain general and permanent ordinances in a volume of Codified Ordinances including section 557.01 governing weed control; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson is the owner of many vacant lots in the City for which there may be a benefit to the City that the lots not be mowed or cut; and

WHEREAS, the legislative authority of the City of Jackson has determined it necessary to revise section 557.01 regarding weed control; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO THAT SECTION 557.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON BE REPEALED AND AMENDED REGARDING WEED CONTROL, AS SET FORTH BELOW, WITH THOSE STRUCK THROUGH PORTIONS BEING REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH THE UNDERLINED LANGUAGE SHOWING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE AND THAT EACH BE REPLACED WITHIN THE JACKSON CITY CODE, IN REGULAR TEXT.

557.01 REQUIRED CUTTING.

(a) Each person or entity owning, leasing or having charge of land within the City shall keep the property free and clear of all high grass, high weeds and rank vegetation and shall cut all such high grass, high weeds and rank vegetation on the lots owned, leased or controlled by such person. Property must be mowed and trimmed regularly as to maintain high grass, high weeds and rank vegetation to not exceed a maximum height of twelve inches. Property which is zoned in an agricultural district is exempt from these regulations if a crop is being produced or the land is being managed in a way to prevent high weeds and rank vegetation.

(b) The Service-Safety Director may exempt from these regulations vacant City owned lots for any of the following purposes: providing areas of pollinator, bird or other wildlife habitat; reducing sediment runoff; natural flood and erosion control; or for other beneficial or recreational purposes. The Service-Safety Director shall maintain a list by tax parcel number and property address of City owned lots exempted from the requirements of sub-section (a).

~~(b)~~ (c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor for a first offense, and shall be fined up to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and community service. For each subsequent violation within one year from a previous conviction, the person shall be guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to thirty days in jail, a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250.00) fine, and community service.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Legislative Authority of the Political Subdivision on this 24th day of July, 2023.

Daniel D. Fink
President of Council

ATTEST:

Cristi Kubm
Clerk of the Legislative Authority

Approved this 24th day of July, 2023.

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Mayor