

ORDINANCE # 349

AN ORDINANCE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION TO TITLE VI, CHAPTER XI, REGULATION OF GRASS HEIGHT:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BUFFALO, IOWA, THAT SECTION 6-11.0201 SHALL BE ADDED TO THE CITY CODE AS FOLLOWS:

1. All owners and persons in possession or control of any lands within the City shall mow or cut all grass when it becomes a height of 10 inches (10") or more.
2. If a property owner or person in possession of lands within the City fails to mow or cut the grass, as set out in this ordinance and after notice is given to the property owner or person in possession of the land, the Director of Public Works or such persons designee shall order the work to be done.
3. TIME FOR CUTTING GRASS AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS: The total cost and expense of destroying the grass shall be paid and assessed against the land as provided by law. The costs may be established by the Council from time to time by resolution.
4. NOTICE TO OWNERS: Notice to the owner or person in control of lands within the City subject to the provision of this chapter shall be as follows: The Director of Public Works shall cause to be published on or before April 15 of each year in a newspaper of general circulation within the City a notice stating that work of mowing or cutting the grass is required to be done during the months of May thru October, inclusive, and a statement that property owners have five (5) days not including Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, within which such owners may cause the work to be done. Further, the notice shall state that failure to comply after publication of the notice will result in the work being done by the City, and the costs incurred by the City shall be assessed against the property in the manner provided by law. No further notice shall be required.
5. BILLING: Each owner shall be sent by first class mail to the address noted on the tax rolls of the City a bill for the work performed informing the owner of the cost of such work and the Council intent to assess the cost if not paid in ten (10) days to the City Clerk. Any bill remaining unpaid after the ten (10) day period may be assessed against the property in the manner provided by law.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not effect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Passed by City Council and signed by the Mayor of Buffalo this 07th day of July, 1997. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication as required by law.

Attest: Carol A. Bernauer Signed: Phil C. Hoover  
 Carol A. Bernauer, City Clerk Phil C. Hoover, Mayor, Buffalo, IA  
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