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ORDINANCE NO. 20050509

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE # 315
CONCERNING WEEDS AND OFFENSIVE GROWTHS

Be it ordained by the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Galatia, Saline County, Illinois as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Galatia, Illinois has previously enacted Ordinance # 315 Relating to Weeds and Offensive Growths.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Village Board of Trustees that a problem exists with certain items in the aforesaid Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees believes the following amendments to Ordinance # 315 are necessary.

SECTION ONE:

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any grass or plant over one (1) foot in height on any property under his ownership or control; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to tree and ornamental shrubs;
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any dead grass, dry weeds, or other similar combustible material to remain or lay on any premises under his ownership or control.

SECTION TWO: It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any trees, ornamental shrubs or vegetable gardens to be at or near the intersection of any Village Street so as to impede the vision of pedestrians or vehicular traffic

SECTION THREE: All dead grass, dry weeds, or other similar combustible material, as well as all plant growth over twelve (12) inches in height, except trees and ornamental shrubs are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

SECTION FOUR: Whenever the Village President or Village Police shall find or determine the existence of any violation as hereinabove set forth, they or the Village Clerk shall notify the offending party in writing by personal service or certified or registered mail to him, her, or them, at their last known address, a notice advising the person so notified that such determination has been made and that said person is required to rectify such situation within seven (7) days from the date of the notice, and that upon his, her, or their failure to do so, he, she, or they will be subject to penalties as set forth hereafter.

SECTION FIVE: The offending party, after proper notice and failure to act, may be penalized up to Five Hundred Dollars (\$500).00 for each violation of this ordinance. Each day of failure to act after proper notice and the running of the seven (7) day period may be a separate violation. The board has the authority to cut or mow the offending grass or weeds and bill the offending party no less than \$50.00 or more than \$200.00 per Village lot.

SECTION SIX: Failure on the party of the offender to pay any penalty or removal costs within thirty (30) days following the submission of a statement for same will entitle the Village Board to institute a civil action against the offending party for the amounts due plus reasonable attorney's fees and cost of suit. The Village Board shall have the normal civil remedies available at law.

SECTION SEVEN: It is the intention of the Village Board of the Village of Galatia, Illinois that this Ordinance and every provision thereof shall be considered separable and the invalidity of any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall not effect the validity of any other portion of this ordinance.

SECTION EIGHT: All remaining terms and provisions of Ordinance # 315 shall remain in full force and effect except as amended in this Ordinance, and all terms of this Ordinance shall be considered incorporated into Ordinance # 315, as though a single instrument.

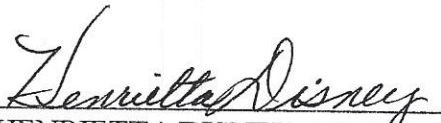
SECTION NINE: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording and publication as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the Village of Galatia, State of Illinois, on the 9th day of May, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: 6

NAYS: _____


BRIAN BUSH, PRESIDENT


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