

Item #1:

Ord. Amending Property Maintenance Code Re: Tall Growth

VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-O-__

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-14-2 OF THE
VILLAGE CODE REGARDING THE GROWTH OF
WEEDS, GRASSES, OR OTHER PLANTS**

Adopted by the
President and Board of Trustees
of
the Village of Long Grove
this 25th day of August, 2015

Published in pamphlet form by direction
and authority of the Village of Long Grove,
Lake County, Illinois
this 26th day of August, 2015

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WHEREAS, Title 4 of the Long Grove Village Code ("**Village Code**") sets forth certain regulations and restrictions known as the "Long Grove Building Regulations" ("**Building Code**") to protect the public health, safety, and welfare from hazards incident to the occupancy of buildings, structures, or premises; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-3-2, local governments may adopt all or part of the provisions of public records and any published compilation of rules and regulations which have been prepared by nationally recognized associations, including property maintenance codes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 14 of the Building Code adopts by reference, with various modifications, the 2015 International Property Maintenance Code ("**Property Maintenance Code**"); and

WHEREAS, the Property Maintenance Code regulates the mowing of grasses and weeds on all properties within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to allow certain properties to be maintained in a natural, un-mowed state consistent with the Village's rural character; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees have determined that it will serve and be in the best interests of the Village to amend the Property Maintenance Code pursuant to this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Long Grove, County of Lake, State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of the President and Board of Trustees.

SECTION TWO. **Amendment to Section 2 of Chapter 14 of Title 4.**
Section 2, entitled "Amendments," of Chapter 14, entitled "Property Maintenance Code," of Title 4, entitled "Building Regulations," of the Long Grove Village Code shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

4-14-2 AMENDMENTS

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Section 302.4 Weeds. Insert the following exception:

Exception: Weeds or grasses within a Conservation and Scenic Corridor Easement designated by the Village of Long Grove are not required to be mowed in accordance with section 302.4. **Additionally, a premises is not required to be mowed in accordance with section 302.4 when one or more of the following conditions are present: (a) at least half of the premises is unbuilt or unimproved, (b) the premises is not part of a formal subdivision, (c) the premises is adjacent to a platted or unplatted conservancy, (d) the premises is at least one acre in size, or (d) the premises contains an area that the Building Commissioner, or his or her designee, determines to be suitable for the growing of long grasses or other plants in a natural state. In making this determination, the Building Commissioner, or his or her designee, shall consider the size of the premises, the improvements thereon, and the character of the surrounding neighborhood to ensure the preservation of the unique character of the Village of Long Grove and its property maintenance standards.**

Insert the following new **Subsection 302.10. Owner Of Property Required To Cut Or Remove Weeds, Grasses Or Bushes.**

(A) Unmanaged ground cover, weeds, grasses and bushes, including nonnative prairie species such as buckthorn, goldenrod, yellow and white sweet clover and ragweed, shall not be allowed to grow in excess of eight inches on all property within the village, **except as authorized pursuant to Section 302.4.**

(B)The village may require the property owner to cut weeds, grass, trim trees or bushes or remove bushes, trees, buckthorn, teasel and garlic mustard which constitute a public nuisance or threat to public health, safety or welfare.

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SECTION THREE: Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this 25th day of August, 2015

AYES: ()

NAYS: ()

ABSENT: ()

APPROVED this 25th day of August, 2015

Angela Underwood, Village President

ATTEST:

Heidi Locker-Scheer, Village Clerk