



**VILLAGE OF HARTSBURG, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2003-0331**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING LAWN GRASS HEIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT  
PROCEDURES IN THE VILLAGE OF HARTSBURG**

WHEREAS, the Village of Hartsburg finds it necessary to promote property maintenance and public health by regulating excessive lawn grass height;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hartsburg, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION I: Declaration of Nuisance**

Any lawn grass exceeding six (6) inches in height shall be declared a public nuisance.

**SECTION II: Inspection and Notice**

Upon receipt of a complaint, at least two (2) Village Board members shall inspect and measure the grass. If it exceeds six inches, they will attempt to directly notify the property owner or tenant. If direct contact cannot be made, the Village Clerk shall send a Certified Letter notifying the responsible party that the grass must be cut within 48 hours of notice or letter receipt.

**SECTION III: Fines**

If grass is not cut within 48 hours after direct contact or receipt of the Certified Letter:

- A fine of \$25 will be issued.
- After another 48 hours, an additional \$50 fine will be assessed.
- After an additional 48 hours, a \$75 fine will be assessed.

The Village Clerk shall send Certified Letters indicating fine amounts at each stage.

**SECTION IV: Repeat Offenses**

If more than three grass violations occur between January 1 and December 31 of the same year, each subsequent violation shall be fined at \$75 per occurrence.

**SECTION V: Legal Enforcement**


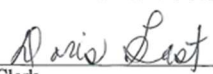
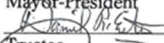


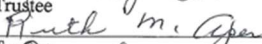




If a fine remains unpaid for 60 days following notice, the Village Attorney is authorized to pursue legal action in an appropriate court to recover the amount due.

#### SECTION VI: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the 31st day of March, [Insert Year].

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Village Board of the Village of Hartsburg this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2003.

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Mayor-President	Clerk
	
Trustee	Trustee
	
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