



VILLAGE OF HARTSBURG, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-0331

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING LAWN GRASS HEIGHT AND NUISANCE VEGETATION

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hartsburg, Logan County, Illinois, find it necessary to regulate excessive grass height to protect public health, safety, and aesthetics within the community;

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

SECTION I: Lawn Height Standards

Any lawn grass or similar vegetation (excluding ornamental or cultivated plantings) exceeding six (6) inches in height on any residential, commercial, or vacant property within Village limits shall be declared a nuisance.

SECTION II: Inspection and Notification Process

- A. Upon receipt of a complaint, two (2) member of the Village Board or designated Village staff, shall inspect the property to confirm the violation.
 - B. If the violation is confirmed, the Ordinance Officer or designee shall attempt direct contact with the property owner or tenant to notify them that the grass constitutes a nuisance and must be cut within forty-eight (48) hours.
 - C. If direct contact is unsuccessful, the Village Clerk shall issue a Certified Letter notifying the property owner or tenant that the lawn must be mowed to below six (6) inches in height within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving the letter.
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SECTION III: Fines and Escalation

Failure to comply will result in the following penalties:

- Initial 48-hour violation: \$250.00 fine
- After another 48 hours: \$350.00 fine



- After an additional 48 hours: \$500.00 fine

A Certified Letter shall accompany each notice of fine.

SECTION IV: Repeat Offenders

If a property incurs more than three (3) violations within a calendar year (January 1 – December 31), each subsequent violation shall result in an automatic fine of \$500.00, regardless of the time elapsed between offenses.

SECTION V: Enforcement and Penalties

The Village may pursue both administrative and legal enforcement to ensure compliance, including liens, collections, or court proceedings as permitted by law.

SECTION VI: Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is found invalid, such a decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION VII: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION VIII: Administrative Fees and Adjustments

The Village Board may, by resolution, adopt and amend a fee schedule for all fees, penalties, and service charges authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION IX: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

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Small Town, Big Heart

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Village Board of the Village of Hartsburg this 31st day of March, 2003.

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| 2003 <u>[Signature]</u> Mayor-President | <u>[Signature]</u> Clerk |
| <u>[Signature]</u> Trustee | <u>[Signature]</u> Trustee |
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CERTIFICATION:

I, [Signature], Village Clerk of the Village of Hartsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2003-0331 as duly passed by the Board of Trustees on July 28, 2025.

[Signature] 7/28/25
Village Clerk

[Signature] 7/29/25
Mayor

Roll Call Vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This ordinance was updated on July 28, 2025 to reflect the following changes:

- Reformatted into consistent sections.
- Updated fines in Section III.
- Renamed Section IV from 'Accumulation of Fines' to 'Repeat Offenders' and updated



fines.

- Added Sections V–IX.

- Applied the Village's new ordinance numbering system for better organization and tracking.