

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2002

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD,
INDIANA. REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS
AND RANK VEGETATION**

Be it ordained, by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana:

Section 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the removal of weeds and rank vegetation in the Town of Plainfield, Indiana.

Section 2. For purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

A. "Weeds" and/or "rank vegetation" is defined to be any vegetable matter which exceeds the height of twelve (12) inches; provided however that such definition does not include (1) trees, bushes or shrubs which have been planted or cultivated by the landowner, (2) agricultural crops, such as hay and pasture, or (3) vegetable matter cultivated in plant beds.

B. "Owner" is defined as the person or persons identified as the owner on the tax records for the subject property in the office of the Hendricks County Assessor.

C. "Town" is defined as the Town of Plainfield, a municipal corporation located in Hendricks County, Indiana.

Section 3. All owners of real property located within the corporate limits of the Town of Plainfield shall cut and remove weeds and other rank vegetation growing on the property.

Section 4. Upon determination by the Town Council, Town Manager, Superintendent of Public Works, Building Commissioner, Zoning Compliance Inspector or Chief of Police that weeds and/or rank vegetation exist as defined in this ordinance, the Town Manager or Zoning Compliance Officer shall issue a written notice to the property owner that the weeds and/or rank vegetation must be removed within five (5) days of service of the notice. Such notice shall advise the property owner of the penalty for removing such vegetation.

Section 5. The notice required by Section 4 of this ordinance shall be served upon the landowner by either personal service or by certified mail return receipt requested. If notice cannot be given by either personal service or certified mail, the notice shall be given by first class mail and shall be deemed to be served four (4) days after mailing.

Section 6. If the owner fails to remove the weeds and/or rank vegetation within the time prescribed in the notice, or any extension of that time granted to the landowner by the Town Council, the Town may remove, or cause to be removed, such vegetation.

2. Third and Subsequent Violations: Minimum \$500.00, not to exceed \$2,500.00

C. If the Ordinance violation case is tried and the Owner is found to have violated the Ordinance, the monetary fine shall be not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

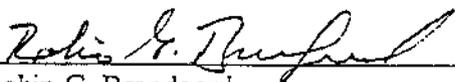
Section 12. Any and all costs billed to the Owner in accordance with Section 7 shall not be construed as a fine and shall be added as costs to any fine imposed for a violation of this Ordinance.

Section 13. All ordinances or parts of ordinances on the subject of this ordinance, which are in conflict herewith, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed and Ordinance 17-98 is specifically repealed upon the effective date of this Ordinance.

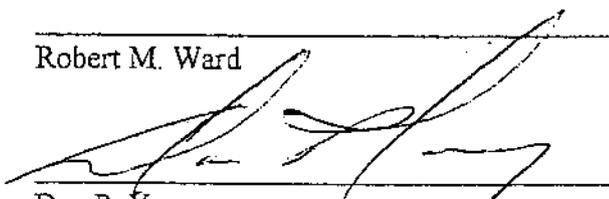
Section 14. This ordinance shall be in full force and effective after its passage, approval, and publication according to law.

Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana this 11th day of February, 2002.

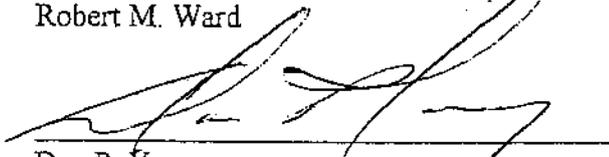
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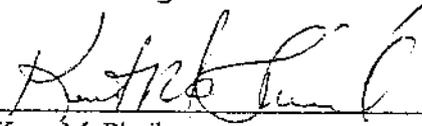
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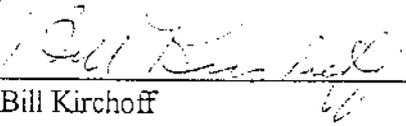
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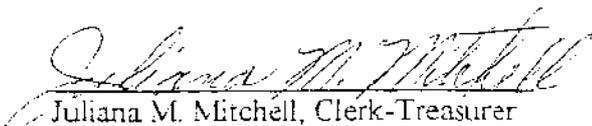


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ATTESTED BY:



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