## TOWN OF OWENSVILLE, INDIANA ORDINANCE NO. 2022-4

## REGULATION AND COSTS INCURRED FOR THE CUTTING OF WEEDS AND GRASS ON A PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF OWENSVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Owensville has an existing ordinance on this subject, but the existing ordinance being obsolete, the Town Council feels that it is incumbent upon them to repeal any existing ordinances pertaining to grass and weeds and to adopt a new ordinance for the purpose and understanding of regulating the cutting of grass and weeds, prohibiting depositing grass or grass clippings in the streets or gutters, and cost incurred for taking care of a property that is in violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF OWENSVILLE, INDIANA:

SECTION 1: That the owner of real property within the corporate limits of the Town of Owensville, Indiana, shall cut the grasses and weeds growing on their real property located within the corporate limits of Owensville.

SECTION 2: That it is a violation of Section 1 of this ordinance if the height of any weeds and grasses growing on real property within the corporate limits of Owensville has reached a height in excess of six (6) inches.

SECTION 3: That it shall be the duty of the Police Department to report all violations of this ordinance to the Clerk Treasurer of the Town of Owensville.

SECTION 4: That upon receipt of a report of violation of this ordinance, the Clerk Treasurer of the Town shall promptly send written notice of the violation to the owner of the said real property on which the violation exists and which notice shall state that the owner has seven (7) days from the date of the notice to bring their property into compliance with the requirements of this ordinance.

SECTION 5: That if after receiving notice of the violation of this ordinance, the owner of the real property in violation of this ordinance has not brought their property into compliance within seven (7) days of the date of the notice, that a fine in the amount of \$10.00 per day up through the seventh  $(7^{th})$  day shall be levied against the owner of said real property totaling \$70.00.

SECTION 6: That if compliance with this ordinance is not forthcoming, the Clerk Treasurer and Town Council may bring the real property into compliance with this ordinance by directing the Supervisor of the Street Department on the eighth ( $8^{th}$ ) day to properly mow and weed eat on said property that is in violation of this ordinance. That a fine in the amount of \$150.00 per person per hour, with a minimum charge of \$300 shall be imposed on the owner. The owner of said real property shall have thirty (30) days to pay the fines incurred with bringing the real property into compliance by Town. The expense incurred by the Town in bringing the real property into compliance with this ordinance shall constitute a lien against the real property until released by the Clerk Treasurer of the Town.

SECTION 7: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and publication thereof as required by law.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance 2022-4 repeals Ordinance 2001-2, Ordinance 2012-01, Ordinance 2012-02, and Ordinance 2014-3 as the adoption date is signed below.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Owensville, Indiana, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2022. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

ATTEST:

VANESSA RIGGS CLERK TREASURER TOWN COUNCIL OF OWENSVILLE

WAYNE MATSEL, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

COREY TAY LOR, COUNCIL MEMBER

CLYDE SCOTT, COUNCIL MEMBER