

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 17-6-1

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NUISANCES

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF
RINGWOOD ON THIS 13 DAY OF June 2017

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF "NUISANCES". For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term "nuisance" is defined to mean any condition or use of nonindustrial and nonagricultural premises or of building exteriors which is detrimental to the property of others in the neighborhood in which such premises are located. Further, it shall be unlawful to commit or do any act which endangers the public health or results in annoyance or discomfort to the public.

SECTION 2. STORAGE OF MATERIALS. The Storage of the following materials shall be considered a nuisance.

- (a) Lumbar and scrap building materials where no building permit has been applied for or issued.
- (b) Junk, trash, debris or the carcasses of dead animals.
- (c) Abandoned, worn out, damaged, wrecked, disassembled, partial disassembled, inoperable, discarded or unused objects or equipment such as automobiles, furniture, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, household appliances or parts thereof, cans or containers.
- (d) Any compost pile which is of such a nature as to spread or harbor disease, emit unpleasant odors or harmful gas, or attract rodents, vermin, or other disease-carrying pests, animals or insects, provided that the presence of earthworms in a compost pile shall not constitute a nuisance.
- (e) Any stagnant pool of water.
- (f) Any unsanitary or septic material, unless such material is retained in containers or vessels which deny access to humans, flies, insects, rodents, and animals.

SECTION 3. FIRES. The open burning of landscape waste, firewood, lumber or scrap wood or similar substances gathered in the course of maintaining a property, or placed in such a condition or location that it can be blown by the wind so as to be scattered or cause clouds of sparks, embers and similar airborne enflamed particulates to leave the property on which the fire has been started or to endanger persons or property shall be declared a nuisance.

It shall be unlawful to permit the escape of soot, ashes, or other solid products or byproducts of combustion to be windblown or scattered so as to leave the property on which the fire has been started or endanger persons or property.

SECTION 4. INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLE. Any motor vehicle from which, for a period of at least 14 days, the engine, wheels, or other parts have been removed, or on which the engine, wheels, or other parts have been altered, damaged, or otherwise treated so that the vehicle is incapable of being driven under its own motor power. "Inoperable motor vehicle" does not include a motor vehicle that has been rendered temporarily incapable of being driven under its own motor power in order to perform ordinary service or repair operations, and also does not include recreational vehicles.

Any inoperable vehicle on public property, or on private property in public view, is hereby declared to be a nuisance. All persons are required to dispose of any inoperable motor vehicle under their control within 14 days of written notice from the Enforcement Officer. For the purposes of this Section, the owner, driver, or person whose property an inoperable vehicle is located, shall be presumed to be in control of the vehicle.

SECTION 5. NOXIOUS PLANTS, TREES, WEEDS AND GRASS. This Section shall apply to zoning districts A-1 (less than 5 acres), RR-1, RR-2, RR-3, R-1, R-2, R-3, B-1, B-2, B-3, O-R, I-1, I-2, E-1.

All weeds determined to be noxious weeds under the Illinois Noxious Weed Law (505 ILCS 100/1 et seq.), and applicable rules and regulations thereunder [hereinafter the Law], and vegetation not covered by the Law but which serves as a breeding place for mosquitos and rodents, are a menace to health and are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. Vegetation on farms for conservation purposes is exempt, and landscape, shrubbery and ornamental plants are exempt when properly maintained. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit any such weeds, plants or bushes to grow or remain in any place or location within the designated zoning districts to a height in excess of eight (8) inches.

It is also hereby to be a nuisance and shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit grass to grow or remain in any place or location within the designated zoning districts to a height in excess of eight (8) inches. Vacant lots in newly platted subdivisions may be planted with low growing crops for agricultural purposes with prior approval from the Building and Code Enforcement Officer. Any dead, dying or diseased trees shall be cut down and properly removed from the property.

It shall be the duty of every owner or occupant of every lot or tract of land within the designated zoning districts to cut, destroy or remove, or cause to be cut, destroyed or removed, every such weed, plant or bush or cut any grass as hereinabove described upon every such lot or tract of land in such manner and on or before such time as such weeds, bushes, plants or grass reach or exceed the height of eight (8) inches.

SECTION 6. LIGHTING. It shall be unlawful and a nuisance for any person to permit or cause any outdoor luminary or lighting system to create excessive glare or light levels as to be dangerous to the public or result in annoyance or discomfort to the public or adjacent land uses. Such nuisances shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Flickering, flashing, blinking and rotating lights, except if such lights are part of a security system that shuts off automatically no longer than twenty (20) minutes after such system is activated.
- (b) Lasers and searchlights.
- (c) Outdoor luminaries or lighting systems that direct illumination or rays of light beyond any lot line.

SECTION 7. NOTICE OF VIOLATION. Upon the failure of any owner or occupant to abate a nuisance on the property, it shall be the duty of the a Village of Ringwood enforcement officer, to serve or cause to be served a notice upon any such owner or occupant of premises upon which any nuisances are caused or permitted to take place in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, demanding abatement of such nuisance, within a ten (10) days from the date of such service. Failure of any owner or occupant to comply with the provisions and demands of such notice shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. ENFORCEMENT. Enforcement of this Ordinance may be accomplished by the Village in any manner authorized by law, and in addition, any person who by reason of another's violation of any provision of this Ordinance, suffers special damage to himself different from that suffered by other property owners throughout the Village generally, may bring an action to enjoin or otherwise abate an existing violation.

SECTION 9. FINES. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense committed on each day during, or on which, a violation occurs or continues. No fine shall be levied if the violation of this Ordinance is fully abated within ten (10) days of the notice of the violation five in Section 7.

SECITON 10. PRIOR AND CONFLICTING ORDINANCES. All ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the terms and provisions hereof, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 11. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form by and under the authority of the Corporate Authorities of the Village.

SECTION 12. FULL FORCE AND EFFECT. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 13th DAY OF June, 2017

AYES: Meyer, Hewes, Bauer, Reinwall & Bushroe

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

APPROVED THIS 13th DAY OF June, 2017

Richard E. Mack
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Roni Gaddis-Bushroe
VILLAGE CLERK