

Grass Ordinance

Adopted on August 17, 1987, the Town Council put in motion an ordinance requiring the maintenance of premises.

Sec. 1-1 Duty of owners to remove refuse, etc.

It shall be the duty of the owner of any property situated within the Town of Jarratt at all times to remove there from any trash, garbage not collected by the Town; refuse, litter and other substances which, in the opinion of the Town of Council, might endanger the health, comfort or general welfare of other residents of the Town.

Sec 1-2 Duty to cut and remove grass, weeds, and vegetation, and to remove garbage, trash, etc.

(a) It shall be the duty of all owners and all occupants of any property situated within the Town, and the owner of any vacant property therein, at all times to cut and remove from the land or premises so occupied or owned all grass, weeds, undergrowth, or vegetation that may be detrimental to the health, comfort or general welfare of other residents of the Town, or which is standing on such property in such condition as will likely catch fire and endanger property or life.

(b) Whenever there exists upon any property in the Town, any trash, garbage, litter or other substance which might endanger the health, comfort or general welfare of other residents of the Town, or whenever there exists upon any property in the Town, any grass, weeds, undergrowth, underbrush or foreign growth, or any wild or uncontrolled growth or vegetation that may be detrimental to the health, comfort or general welfare of other residents of the Town, or which is standing on such property in such a condition as will likely catch fire and endanger property or life, the owner and occupant, or the owner of vacant property, shall forthwith remove or cut and remove the same.

Sec 1-3 Written notice to owner or occupant – generally

Whenever it is made to appear to the Town Council that there exists upon any property in the Town, any trash, garbage, litter and other substances which might endanger the health, comfort or general welfare of other residents of the Town, or whenever it is made to appear to the Town Council that there exists upon any property in the Town, any grass, weeds, undergrowth, underbrush or foreign growth, or any wild or uncontrolled growth or vegetation, that may be detrimental to the health, comfort or general welfare of other residents of the Town, or which is standing on such property or life, they shall notify the owner of such property, and the occupant if there be an occupant on the property, by written notice which shall set forth and contain the provisions of the Section 1-2, the location of the property, and this order for such owner and occupant, or such owner of vacant land, to comply with the provisions of Section 1-2 .

On September 13, 2005, the council to vote a pass an amendment on the grass cutting. The changes were as follows: Height Restrictions the Council pass the height of the grass at 18”

On August 14, 2012 the council to voted and passed an amendment on the grass cutting. The changes were as follows: Height Restrictions the Council pass the height of the grass at 12”. First violation will be a penalty of \$75. The resident has seven (7) days to comply.