

ORDINANCE NO. 768

The City Council of the City of Fort Atkinson does hereby ordain as follows:

That Chapter 102, VEGETATION, Article III. Weeds, Sec. 102-21 be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Sec. 102-121. Vegetation

(a) Definitions: *Improved* - Property which has a principal or accessory structure constructed on it or which is used for public recreation.

(b) All vegetation on properties within the City of Fort Atkinson shall comply with the following requirements:

- Grass and weeds shall be less than eight (8) inches tall on improved, unimproved or vacant properties unless addressed otherwise in this ordinance.
- Excludes floodplains and shorelands, nature conservancies, rain gardens, managed natural landscaping as approved by the City and undeveloped land five (5) acres or more in a conservancy zoning.
- All unimproved or vacant properties more than 500' from improved properties must be mowed a minimum of three (3) times a year, once in May, once in July or August, and once in September or whenever the vegetation exceeds 24-inches.

(c) If any owner of property shall fail to comply with the requirements as set forth in subsection (b) of this section, it shall be the duty of the Fort Atkinson Police Department to have the property mowed by the Department of Public Works and report in writing to the City Clerk the cost for so doing; and the City Clerk shall spread the same, as a special tax, on the tax roll against the property owner for whom the service was rendered.

(d) Any person found guilty of a violation of any provision of this chapter may be subject to a penalty under section 1-10 of the City Ordinances.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its passage and publication.

Adopted: August 21, 2018.

Pres. of the City Council

ATTEST:

Michelle Ebbert, City Clerk