

VILLAGE OF NORTH BRANCH
ORDINANCE #5.1
GRASS, WEED AND REFUSE ORDINANCE

An ordinance to provide for the control of weeds, grass and refuse on property within the Village of North Branch, and to provide for penalties for violation thereof.

THE VILLAGE OF NORTH BRANCH ORDAINS:

Section 1. CUTTING OF GRASS AND WEEDS. It shall be the duty of every owner or occupier of land within the Village to cut or cause to be cut all grass and weeds growing thereon at least twice in each year, once before the first day of June and a second time before the tenth day of September. Cutting shall also be required whenever grass and weeds exceed twelve (12) inches in height.

Section 2. FAILURE TO CUT. If any person, firm or corporation shall fail to comply with the provisions of Section 1 by the time specified, the Village shall, through the department of public works of the Village, cause all such grass and weeds to be cut.

Section 3. REMOVAL OF REFUSE. And refuse or debris, including discarded metal, wood or other junk lying outside of an enclosed building is hereby declared to be a public nuisance. It shall be the duty of every owner or occupier of land in the Village upon which any refuse or debris is located to cause the same to be removed. In the event that the refuse or debris is not removed within fifteen (15) days of notice being sent to the owner or occupier by the Village Clerk, the Village may cause the property to be cleaned up and the refuse removed.

Section 4. COST ASSESSMENT. A copy of an accounting of the costs of cutting or clean up for each property shall be transmitted to the Village Treasurer. The Village Treasurer shall add to all said accounts ten (10%) percent of the amount of all such expenditures to cover administrative expense. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of said report the Village Treasurer shall forward a statement of the total charges assessed against each parcel of property to the owner shown on the most recent tax roll. Said assessment shall be payable within thirty (30) days. If said assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days, a late payment fee of ten (10%) percent shall be added, and the total amount of the assessment shall be placed on the tax roll. Said assessments on the Village tax roll shall be collected and paid in all respects as provided for the collection of taxes.

Section 5. GARBAGE CONTAINERS. All garbage or household refuse must be stored in metal or plastic garbage containers, if stored outside. All containers are to be

equipped with covers that prevent rodents from getting into containers. Garbage containers

must be provided with plastic liners or garbage bags suitable for the containers.

Section 6. REPEAL. The former Noxious Weeds and Refuse Ordinance No. 5, adopted August 16, 1973, is hereby repealed.

Section 7. CIVIL PENALTY. Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any provision of the Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment

of a civil fine of not less than Fifty and no/100 (\$50.00) Dollars, plus costs and other sanctions as set forth in Ordinance No. 34 for each infraction. Repeat offenses under this ordinance shall be subject to increased fines and other sanctions as provided by Ordinance

No. 34.

The undersigned Clerk of the Village of North Branch hereby certifies that this ordinance was adopted by the North Branch Village Council at a meeting held on the 4th day of January 2001 and was published in The County Press on the 17th day of January, 2001. This ordinance becomes effective twenty (20) days after said date of adoption.

Betty Kennedy, Clerk
Village of North Branch