

**BOROUGH OF BESSEMER  
LAWRENCE COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2012**

**AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3 -2007**

**BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS**

**Section I. Grass, weeds and certain other vegetation prohibited.**

No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within the Borough of Bessemer shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of six inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Borough in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Borough.

**Section II. Responsibility for removing or cutting grass, weeds and certain other vegetation.**

The owner(s) of any premises and the tenant(s) or occupant(s) are jointly and severally responsible to remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of any of the provisions of Section I hereof.

**Section III. Notice to remove or cut; time limit; authority for Borough to remove or cut and collect cost plus additional cost for maintenance.**

Borough Council, or any officer or employee of the Borough designated thereby for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service, by posting the premises in a conspicuous place, or by first-class United States mail, to the owner(s) tenant(s), or occupant(s), or any or all of them, of any premises whereupon grass, weeds, or other vegetation shall be growing or remaining in violation of the provisions of Section I hereof, directing and requiring such owner(s), tenant(s), or occupant(s), or any or all of them, to remove, trim, or cut such grass, weeds or other vegetation, so as to conform to the requirements of Section I, within five (5) days after issuance of such notice. In case any person, firm or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period of time stated therein, the Borough authorities may remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or other vegetation, and the cost thereof, the minimum of which shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with an additional charge of up to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for additional maintenance, may be collected by the Borough from such person, firm or corporation in addition to any fine or penalty imposed under Section IV hereof.

**Section IV. Violations and penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance or with any notice given pursuant thereto, shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction thereof before the District Judge, be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600.00), plus costs of prosecution for each offense, such fine and costs to be in addition to any expenses and additional amount authorized and imposed under Section III of this Ordinance. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense, and no additional notice to the offender shall be necessary in order to constitute an offense.

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bessemer at a regular meeting of the Borough Council on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2012.


(SEAL)

**ATTEST:**

**BESSEMER BOROUGH COUNCIL**

  
Secretary

  
President

  
Mayor