

ORDINANCE NO. 80

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SIDEWALK, CURB & GUTTER, ALLEY, WEED CONTROL, & LAWN MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS

The City Council of the City of Vernon Center, Minnesota hereby ordains:

Sect. 1. Permit Required. A zoning permit must be obtained for any replacement or construction of a sidewalk/curb & gutter in the City.

Sect. 2. Application for Permit. All applications for permits required by Sect. 1 shall be made to the Zoning Administrator.

Sect. 3. Specifications & Regulations for Construction. All sidewalks and curb and gutters shall be constructed according to the following specifications:

- a. Sidewalks shall be maintained the same width as the sidewalk being repaired or replaced.
- b. Sidewalks and curb & gutter shall be concrete.
- c. Sidewalks must be four inches thick and placed on a four inch gravel base.
- d. All sidewalks at intersections shall be handicapp accessible.
- e. If an existing water shut off is located in a sidewalk or driveway, it is the responsibility of the property owner to pay for all costs associated to bring the existing water shut off flush with the external surface of the sidewalk or driveway so the shut off is accessible to the City.

Sect. 4. Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter Maintenance. The owner of property abutting a sidewalk/curb & gutter is responsible for maintaining them and keeping them clear of snow, ice, dirt, and rubbish. Snow must be removed within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

Sect. 5. Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter Inspection. The City street department supervisor shall make inspections as necessary to determine that public sidewalks/curb & gutters within the City are kept in repair and are replaced or constructed according to the provisions of this ordinance. If a sidewalk or curb & gutter is found to be unsafe or in need of repair or correction, the City shall direct a notice to the property owner. The notice will direct the owner to make the necessary repairs or corrections within 60 days and to remove obstructions within 24 hours. If the owner fails to do so, the City street department supervisor is authorized to repair the sidewalk or curb & gutter or remove the obstructions. Expenses incurred will be billed to the property owner. Unpaid bills will be made a special assessment against the property.

Sect. 6. Removal of Public Sidewalks/Curb & Gutters. No sidewalk or curb & gutter shall be removed unless such removal is approved by the City Council.

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3-06-07

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6-06-16

Sect. 7. Weed Control/Lawn Maintenance. Any weeds, grass, and poisonous or harmful vegetation upon any lot or parcel of land outside the travelled portion of any street or alley in the City growing to a greater height than six (6) inches is considered to be a nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant having control of any lot or parcel within the City to permit such a nuisance. In addition, no lawn clippings are to be mowed into the streets. When an owner/occupant violates these regulations, the City shall serve notice to the owner/occupant by certified mail, ordering the owner/occupant to have such weeds, grass, and poisonous or harmful vegetation cut and removed within five (5) days of mailing of notice. The notice shall also state that the notification is in effect for the entire growing season, meaning if at any time after the issuance of the notice of noncompliance the nuisance reoccurs, the City shall abate the nuisance without further notification to the property owner/occupant. In the event the owner/occupant cannot be found or does not comply with such order, all necessary work will be performed by the City and billed to the owner/occupant. Unpaid bills will be made a special assessment against the property.

Sect. 8. Alleys. The City, at its discretion will maintain alleys to access a structure or property. If an alley is found to be unsafe, defective, or in need of repairs, the City shall reserve the right to block off the alley until the condition is corrected. If an adjacent property owner wants an alley blocked off, permission must be obtained from the City Council.

Sect. 9. Recessions and Effective Date. Ordinance #70, an ordinance establishing sidewalk, curb & gutter, alley, weed control, and lawn maintenance regulations is repealed when this ordinance takes effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Vernon Center City Council this 1st day of June, 2004.

Justin Davis
Justin Davis, Mayor

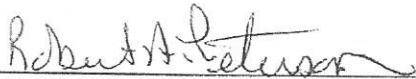
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Amendment to Ordinance # 80
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SIDEWALK, CURB & GUTTER, ALLEY,
WEED CONTROL, & LAWN MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS

Ordinance #80, Section 4 shall be amended to read:

Sect. 4. Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter Maintenance. The owner of property abutting a sidewalk/curb & gutter is responsible for any replacement or new construction of a sidewalk or curb & gutter, for maintaining them, and keeping them clear of rubbish and obstructions.

This ordinance amendment shall become effective from and after its passage and publication. Passed by the Vernon Center City Council this 6th day of March, 2007.


Robert Peterson, Mayor


Patricia Krosch, City Clerk-Treas.

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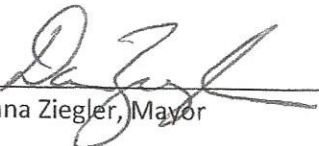
Amendment to Ordinance #80
ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SIDEWALK, CURB & GUTTER, ALLEY, WEED CONTROL, & LAWN
MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS

Ordinance #80, Section 7 shall be amended to read:


Sect. 7. Weed Control/Lawn Maintenance. Any weeds, grass, and poisonous or harmful vegetation upon any lot or parcel of land outside the travelled portion of any street or alley in the City growing to a greater height than six (6) inches is considered to be a nuisance. It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant, or appointed business having control of any lot or parcel within the City to permit such a nuisance. In addition, no lawn clippings are to be mowed into the streets. When these regulations are in violation, the City shall serve notice by certified mail or email to the owner, occupant, or appointed business having control of any lot or parcel ordering to have such weeds, grass, and poisonous or harmful vegetation cut and removed within five (5) days of notice. The notice shall also state the notification is in effect for the entire growing season, meaning if at any time after issuance of the notice the nuisance reoccurs, the City shall abate the nuisance without further notification and charges incurred will be billed to the property. In the event the owner, occupant, or appointed business having control of any lot or parcel cannot be found or does not comply with such orders, all necessary work will be performed by the City and charges incurred will be billed to the property. Unpaid bills will be made a special assessment against the property.

This ordinance amendment shall become effective from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the Vernon Center City Council this 6th day of June, 2016.



Dana Ziegler, Mayor



Patricia Krosch, City Clerk-Treas.