

ORDINANCE NO. 78

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE CARE OF GRASS AND WEEDS GROWING UPON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CHOUDRANT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CUTTING, CLEANING, AND REMOVING OF SUCH GRASS AND WEEDS, AND THE ASSESSMENT OF CHARGES FOR DOING SO; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Choudrant, Louisiana convened in Regular Session this 3rd day of May, 2004 that it hereby adopts and approves the following ordinance to read as follows:

SECTION I.

Removal of weeds and grass.

(a) No person owning or occupying any property within the Village shall permit any grass or weeds to grow upon the property exceeding a height of eighteen (18) inches, except where such grass is grown for agricultural or other commercial purposes, such as forage for livestock or where trees are being grown for the harvesting of timber. If the owner or occupant of such property fails to clean, cut, or destroy such grass or weeds when requested to do so by the Village within fifteen (15) days after notice has been given to the owner by registered or certified mail, as shown on the latest assessment roll of the Assessor of Lincoln Parish, the Village shall have the authority to have such grass and weeds cut, cleaned, and removed and to charge the property owner or owners for the actual cost thereof.

(b) Upon failure of the property owner to pay the charges for cutting, cleaning, and removing such grass and weeds within thirty (30) days of receipt of the statement of charges with the recorder of mortgages of Lincoln Parish and the same, when so filed and recorded, shall operate as a lien and privilege in favor of the Village and against the property upon which the work was done.

(c) The lien and privilege granted herein shall have the same ranking as an ad valorem tax lien on immovable property as provided for in *LSA-R.S. 9:4821(1)*.

SECTION II.

The ordinance shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day after the meeting in which it is adopted.

SECTION III.

If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of the Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, terms, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. Any constitutional or statutory provisions enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates this Ordinance or otherwise makes it legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SECTION IV.

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

The ordinance was read and considered by sections and as a whole, and on motion by Alderman Reagan Aswell and second by Alderman Jimmy McGrew was adopted by the following YEA and NAY vote:

YEAS: Alderman Aswell
Alderman Ford
Alderman McGrew

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

Whereupon, the Mayor declared this Ordinance duly adopted this 3rd day of May, 2004

Bill Sanderson, Mayor