Un-Mowed Lawns, Overgrown Weeds and Vegetation

Excerpt from City of Fort Atkinson Code of Ordinances

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:

(1)Grass and weeds shall be less than eight inches tall on improved, unimproved or vacant properties unless addressed otherwise in this section.

(2)Excludes floodplains and shorelands, nature conservancies, rain gardens, managed natural landscaping as approved by the city and undeveloped land five acres or more in a conservancy zoning.

(3)All unimproved or vacant properties more than 500 feet from improved properties must be mowed a minimum of three 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 section may be subject to a penalty under section 1-10 of the city Code of Ordinances.