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ROSENDALE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Village of Rosendale has an Ordinance pertaining to the upkeep of yards and property in relation to the cutting of grass and weeds.

Complaints have been received on numerous properties in the Village. Letters have been mailed out to the resident/property owners. The Village Ordinance in question is Village Ordinance 99A pertains to Controlling Noxious Weeds and Maintenance of Vegetation and states:

99A-2 Noxious Weeds and Grasses – shall mean any plant listed under current Wisconsin Statutes, and as amended from time to time: Nuisance Weeds Wis. Stat. 23.235(1(a) and Noxious Weeds Wi. Stat. 66.407, and **all other weeds and grasses exceeding 8 inches in height.**

99A-3 Control of Noxious Weeds and Grasses; Height Limit. It shall be the responsibility of every person, firm, corporation, owner or occupant of property within the Village of Rosendale to maintain the entire property and the area between the property line and street or curb edge (also known as right of way). Such areas shall be mowed and maintained at a height not to exceed 8 inches.

As a resident/land/property owner in the Village of Rosendale it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure that you are in compliance with all the Village Ordinances. The allowing your grass and weeds to grow uncontrolled can lead to unwanted wildlife and vermin in the area and is a violation of the standards set forth in the Village Ordinances.

The Village Ordinance allows that for any violations of this Village Ordinance, the Village will serve notice to the resident and or owner that they are in violation and allow 5 days to remedy the situation. Should the grass not be cut after the 5 days a citation may be issued for failing to control noxious weeds and grasses. If this notice is not adhered to the Village is authorized to enter upon such property and cause the weeds and grass to be cut, mowed and or removed in conformity with this Ordinance. You will only receive one notice pertaining to this ordinance per property per calendar year. Should the Village be required to cut your lawn a fee of \$100.00 per violation will be assessed as well as any fines associated with the citations, the fines associated with these citations are not less than \$50.00 and no more than \$500.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the Rosendale Police Department. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Respectfully,

G. S. Rose
Chief of Police
Rosendale Police Department