

ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2019

VILLAGE OF JOY, COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF ILLINOIS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES 2014, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and proper in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Joy, Mercer County, Illinois, to establish and enact the following regulations which shall hereafter govern the use of property within the Village of Joy;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Joy, Mercer County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1: It shall be hereafter unlawful and prohibited for any person, firm, or corporation, whether being the owner, tenant, or occupant thereof, to keep or maintain, or to suffer or allow to be kept or maintained any of the following within the corporate limits of the Village or any territory subject to the jurisdiction and control of the Village, to-wit:

(A) Any house, structure, building, or facility, or the exterior area, yard, or adjoining facilities thereof which shall be in a foul, nauseous, filthy, or offensive condition or so as to create a breeding place for germs, bacteria, or other substances detrimental to health or a nesting place for rodents, or, because of age, faulty construction or lack of repair, endanger life or property.

(B) Any storage of inoperative, unused, abandoned, or unlicensed motor vehicles, machinery, or household appliances, the presence of which may endanger public health, or cause discomfort, annoyance, or undue devaluation of or use and enjoyment of adjacent premises.

(C) Any burning of garbage or food wastes out of doors.

(D) Any weeds or grass more than eight (8) inches tall on any lot or lots within Village limits. All weeds or grass over eight (8) inches tall growing on lots within Village limits must be cut each and every week, as needed.

Section 2: WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has given the Village of Joy the power to provide for the costs of extermination of rats and other pests pursuant to 65 Illinois Codified Statutes (ILCS) 5/11-20-8 (1992); and

WHEREAS, the Village of Joy does hereby adopt the provisions of such statute and does wish to provide a mechanism for the extermination of such rats and other pests;

NOW THEREFORE, it shall be a violation of this ordinance for the owner of private property in the Village of Joy to permit rats or other pests to be on or be found upon such private property. Any Village Official, upon finding rats or other pests upon private property located in the Village of Joy shall issue a notice that the Owner of such property shall exterminate all rats and other pests located on such private property within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such notice. Failure to exterminate all rats upon such property within the fifteen (15) period provided shall permit the Village of Joy to enter on such private property, provide such extermination and tax all costs therefore including reasonable attorney fees as a lien against such private property as set forth in the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/11-20-8 (1992) or its successor statutes as it may exist from time to time. The Village of Joy may also seek a fine and costs for such violation as provided hereinafter.

For purposes of this Section 2, Village Officials shall mean any member of the Joy Village Board of Trustees, any Village of Joy Police Officer, or such officials written designees.

Section 3: Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions hereof shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not less than seventy-five (\$75.00) dollars, nor exceeding two hundred (\$200.00) dollars for each violation. Each day in which such violation shall continue shall be deemed a separate offense.

Section 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Mark Heater, Village President

ATTEST:

Christine Junis, Village Clerk

