

# **VILLAGE OF ALFRED, NEW YORK**

## **LOCAL LAW NO. 1 - 1997**

### **A LOCAL LAW IN REGARD TO WEEDS, GRASS, DEAD TREES AND SIMILAR NUISANCES**

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Alfred, Allegany County, New York as follows:

#### **Section 1**

Every owner of real property within the corporate limits of the Village of Alfred, Allegany County, New York, shall from the first day of May of each year through the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of October, on improved property, cut or destroy, or cause to be destroyed, all weeds, brush, briars, grass and dead trees on his or her improved property, and shall promptly dispose of the cuttings and dead trees in a safe and proper manner. Foundation shrubs shall be maintained in an orderly manner and shall be trimmed if necessary. Weeds, brush, briars, grass and dead trees on unimproved property shall be cut or destroyed within five feet of any public sidewalk or roadway.

#### **Section 2**

The Mayor, the Board of Trustees, or the Code Enforcement Officer or Assistant Code Enforcement Officer, shall, during the period covered by this Law, have the authority to inspect the different pieces and parcels and shall, upon the discovery of a violation, notify the said property owner in writing that a violation exists, and that said property owner has seven (7) days to remove the violation from the date of mailing or delivery of the written notice.

#### **Section 3**

Violation of this law constitutes a public nuisance and endangerment of the property and safety of other residents within the Village. In case a property owner, whether a person, firm, corporation, association, or partnership, shall fail to comply with the above sections of this law, the Mayor, the Code Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Trustees of the Village will order the violation abated, by and under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works or such other person especially authorized for that purpose. Violators shall be fined Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for the first offense, and no less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for each and every subsequent offense. In addition, removal of the violation shall be reported to the Mayor and the Board of Trustees. The Mayor and/or the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Superintendent of Public Works, shall bill the property owner at a rate to be determined by the Mayor and/or the Board of Trustees. If the bill

remains unpaid after sixty (60) days, the bill, plus a 25% administrative fee, shall be added to the next Village tax bill and if it remains unpaid shall with all unpaid taxes constitute a lien upon the property.