

ORDINANCE NO. 3848

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 95.02(S) OF THE CITY CODE WHICH ESTABLISHES STANDARDS FOR DECLARING WEEDS AND TALL GRASS A NUISANCE, AND DECLARING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE IMMEDIATELY.

WHEREAS, The City of Kewanee has previously established standards by which weeds and tall grass may be declared a nuisance, as authorized by 65 ILCS 5/11-60-2; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has found that the current ordinance fails to determine the responsibility of a property owner to maintain the City Right Of Way adjacent to said owner's property; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council believes that brush, weeds and tall grass growing on property adjacent to the traveled portion of streets and alleys, commonly referred to as the Parking Strip or City Right of Way, in the City of Kewanee, Illinois, constitute a blighting and detrimental influence on the City; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council believes that it is important to protect the health and safety of the community by aggressively abating weeds and tall grass from neglected properties within the City; and,

WHEREAS, The City Council also finds that a more aggressive and proactive ordinance is needed to protect the property rights and value of homeowners in our community from the negative impacts of those land owners who fail to properly maintain their property within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 The City Council hereby amends Chapter 95.02(S) of the City Code by inserting text shown as **underline** as follows:

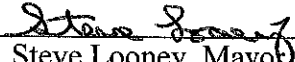
(S) Weeds and tall grasses. To maintain or permit any cockle burrs, thistles, burdocks, jimson or other weeds or tall grass to grow to a height exceeding eight inches upon any lot or premises owned or controlled by him within the city. This shall include the area between said owner's property and the traveled portion of the street or alley when said property lies adjacent to a public street or alley. This area shall be kept in a neat appearing manner and free of tall brush, weeds and grass.

Section 2 This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council of the City of Kewanee, Illinois this 12th day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:


Melinda K. Edwards, City Clerk


Steve Looney, Mayor

RECORD OF THE VOTE	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mayor Steve Looney	X			
Council Member Andy Koehler	X			
Council Member Deann Schweitzer	X			
Council Member Kellie Wallace-McKenna	X			
Council Member Michael Yaklich	X			

