

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2025

**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**Through:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** Bob Grabowski, Fire Chief

**Topic:** Agreement – Utermark & Sons

### PURPOSE

Staff is requesting Board approval of an agreement with Utermark & Sons LLC of Homewood, IL for non-code complaint grass cutting, nuisance vegetation trimming, and debris removal for the 2025 calendar year.

### PROCESS

One of the most immediate and visible benefits of contracting grass cutting services is the improvement in community aesthetics. Overgrown grass and neglected lawns can create a sense of disorder and neglect, which can affect the perception of residents and visitors alike. By ensuring that all properties adhere to the Homewood Municipal Code, the Village helps to maintain an attractive community for those who live, work, and shop in Homewood.

The Village has used two (2) separate contractors for grass cutting, nuisance vegetation trimming, and debris removal since 2014. Utermark & Sons is the contractor that the Village has used to maintain single-family vacant or occupied properties that fail to be compliant, and staff has been pleased with the quality of their work.

### OUTCOME

Approval of the renewal contract will allow the Village to continue working with Utermark & Sons LLC to service non-code compliant properties throughout the year to ensure that properties are well-maintained, safe, and attractive, thereby fostering a thriving community environment.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Fund
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$70,000 split between both contracted companies (Utermark & Sons and C & T Landscaping)
- **Cost:** \$70,000 split between both contracted companies

### LEGAL REVIEW

Not required

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### **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Authorize the Village Manager to enter into an agreement with Utermark and Sons of Homewood, IL for grass cutting, nuisance vegetation trimming, and debris removal for privately-owned non-compliant properties during the 2025 calendar year.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Agreement