

**VILLAGE OF ROSCOE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10**

**AN ORDINANCE SECTION §13-355 OF THE VILLAGE OF ROSCOE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO REGULATION AND CUTTING OF TALL WEEDS AND GRASS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Roscoe is authorized pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-20-7) to regulate and compel the cutting of weeds and tall grass on private property for the protection of public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Section §13-355 of the Village Code currently provides that weeds must be cut when they exceed a height of 12 inches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Roscoe has received complaints from residents regarding the condition of overgrown properties, many of which involve grass or weeds well below the current 12-inch threshold; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that reducing the maximum permitted height of weeds and tall grass from 12 inches to 8 inches will improve neighborhood appearance, promote property maintenance, and serve the public interest;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Roscoe is authorized and empowered by statute to amend and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, and has determined that it such changes are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Village residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ROSCOE, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Village of Roscoe Board of Trustees.

**SECTION 2.** That section **§13-355(b)** of the Village of Roscoe Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows (additions underlined, deletions struck through)

**§13-355. Weeds**

“ (b) *When weeds required to be cut.* It is unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying or controlling any plot of ground to refuse or neglect to cut all weeds thereon when the weeds have reached a height in excess of **eight (8)** twelve (12) inches. All weeds, however, shall be cut by the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or person in control of the plot of ground upon which the weeds are located at least two times per year, once between May 1 and June 30 and once again between the July 1 and August 31.”

**SECTION 3.** All other portions of the Code of Ordinances of the Village of Roscoe shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

<b>2025-10</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Read:</b>				
<b>PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE ON:</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Trustee William Babcock				
Trustee John Broda				
Trustee Dayne Mead				
Trustee Justin Plock				
Trustee Michael Sima				
Trustee Michael Wright				
President Carol A. Gustafson				

**APPROVED JUNE 17, 2025:**

**ATTEST:**

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VILLAGE PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK