

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item: **Discussion and Recommendation** of amending **Section §13-355** of the Village of Roscoe Code of Ordinances to require tall grass and weeds to be cut prior to reaching a height of 8 inches (currently 12 inches).

Date: June 03, 2025

Meeting: Committee of the Whole

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Overview/Background Information

Section §13-355 of the Village Code currently prohibits property owners, tenants, or others in control of a property from allowing grass or weeds to grow in excess of 12 inches in height. The Code also requires that such vegetation be cut at least twice annually—once between May 1 and June 30 and again between July 1 and August 31.

As the Village continues to prioritize neighborhood appearance, property maintenance, and nuisance abatement, staff is proposing a modest revision to this section to lower the maximum permissible height of grass and weeds from 12 inches to 8 inches. This change is consistent with common standards used in many comparable municipalities and will assist in addressing complaints related to overgrown properties earlier in the season and more proactively throughout the year.

The Village regularly receives complaints from residents regarding tall grass and weed conditions that do not meet the current enforcement threshold of 12 inches. Lowering the height limit to 8 inches will allow the Village to respond more effectively to these concerns and better align enforcement standards with community expectations.

Key Issues

- The current 12-inch height threshold may allow for excessive overgrowth before enforcement can begin.
- Lowering the threshold to 8 inches will promote earlier and more consistent property maintenance.
- Enforcement of the revised threshold will follow the same procedures currently in place under the Village's nuisance abatement process.

Fiscal Note/Budget Impact

No direct fiscal impact is anticipated from this amendment. However, the proposed change may result in earlier identification and resolution of nuisance properties, potentially reducing staff time required for complaint-based code enforcement.

Action Required/Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance amending Section §13-355(b) of the Village Code to lower the maximum height for grass and weeds to 8 inches.

Attachments

Section §13-355 of the Village Code of Ordinances.