

ORDINANCE NO. 203A

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WEEDS, HIGH GRASS AND OTHER VEGETATION AND REQUIRING THE REMOVAL, TRIMMING AND CUTTING THEREOF BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE SAME IS GROWING, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ALSO RELATING TO THE ACCUMULATION OF TRASH, DIRT PILES, LUMBER LOGS, TIRES, BRUSH AND RUBBISH ON LAND IN THE BOROUGH AND REQUIRING THE REMOVAL THEREOF BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES OR BY THE BOROUGH AT THE EXPENSE OF SUCH OWNER OR OCCUPANT IN DEFAULT, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

Be it enacted and ordained by the Burgess and Council of the Borough of Southmont, Cambria County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

- Section 1. No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within the Borough of Southmont shall permit weeds or grass, or any vegetation which is not planted or growing for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of twelve (12) inches or so as to throw off noxious pollen, or permit the accumulation upon any property in the Borough of Southmont of any piles of trash, dirt, lumber logs, tires, brush, rubbish or similar deposits, which create an attraction to rodents and are a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety and cleanliness of the inhabitants of the Borough.
- Section 2. The owner of any premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall be responsible for the cutting and trimming of all weeds, grass or other non-useful or non-ornamental vegetation growing or remaining on such premises and for the removal of all accumulation or piles of trash, dirt, lumber, logs, tires, brush, rubbish, or other deposits which create an attraction to rodents and are detrimental to the health, safety and cleanliness to the inhabitants of the Borough.
- Section 3. The Borough Council or the Burgess or any official or employee of the Borough designated by the Council for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice by personal service or by certified United States Mail to the owner or occupant as the case may be, of any premises whereon exist conditions in violation of this ordinance, and directing such owner or occupant to remove cut or trim such vegetation or deposit so as to conform to the provisions of this ordinance within ten (10) days after service of such notice. In case such owner or occupant neglects, fails or refuses to comply with such notice with the period of time stated herein, the Borough may remove or cause to be removed, cut or trimmed such vegetation or deposit, and the costs thereof together with any additional penalties provided by law, shall be collected by the Borough from such owner or occupant in the manner provided by law.
- Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provisions of this ordinance, shall upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, together with costs of prosecution. Provided however that for each five (5) days any violation shall continue after the expiration of the period stated in the notice given, shall constitute a separate offense and additional notice to the offender shall not be necessary in order to create a separate offense.

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Section 5. For the purposes of this ordinance, the occupant of premises occupied by other than the owner or owners thereof, shall mean the head of the household situate on the premises, and where the premises are occupied by a husband and wife, the husband shall be deemed to be the head of the household.

Passed finally in Council this 10th day of October, 1960.

G. Martin Fox
President of Council

Attest:
Betty M. Sabo
Secretary

Approved:
Robert Moors
Burgess