

City of McCallsburg Mowing Ordinance

City Code of the City of McCallsburg

Chapter 26 Section 3.6 – Chapter 26 Section 9

6. Mowing of properties. Any property within the City, whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than eight (8) inches. The areas to be cut shall include the entire yard with grass and grass like vegetation growing and shall include the City right-of-way adjacent to the property and the portion of any adjacent alleyways from the center-line of said alleyway to the owners' property.

A. Failure to mow. Any property where the grass or grass-like vegetation thereon is more than eight (8) inches in height and has been such height of seven (7) days or more days, or where plant material is allowed to obstruct a public way or sidewalk no matter what its height, shall be deemed a nuisance. The City may abate the nuisance and shall assess a cost of \$100.00 per hour for mowing by an employee if the City or by an individual contracted by the City, with a \$100.00 minimum charge Any property owner who fails to mow his or property, thus allowing the same to be mowed by the City, and who does not provide payment for the mowing as required, will be assessed by the City for such costs, which will be collected in the same manner as general property taxes.

B. Notice and billing. Annual publication of this provision will serve as notice to property owners and renters. Any billing for mowing done by the City are to be sent by regular mail and are payable within thirty (30) days of the billing date.

II. SEVERITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudicated invalid or unconstitutional.

III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication by law.

Section 9. Abatement of municipality. If the person notified to abate a nuisance or condition neglects or fails to abate as directed, the City may perform the required action to abate, keeping an accurate account of the expense incurred. Costs of abatement shall be calculated either by actual costs incurred or by the following schedule:

A. Costs for Use of City Owned Equipment:

1. Tractor (/hr.) - \$100.00
2. Truck, with or without snowplow (/hr.) - \$100.00
3. Light Truck (/hr.) - \$60.00
4. Small Mower/Tractor/Weed Whip - \$100.00/hr. (\$100.00 minimum)
5. Pay loader - \$125.00
6. Labor Normal Work hours (/hr.) - \$60.00
7. Labor after Hours (/hr.) - \$90.00
8. Sidewalk Snow Removal/Ice Control - \$50.00/hr. (\$150.00 minimum)
9. Brush/Tree Trimming/Chain Saw - \$60.00
10. Street Repair Materials - \$Per Invoice + Labor
11. Rented Equipment - Per Invoice + Labor
12. Towing Fee - Per Invoice + 10%