

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS, PROHIBITING THE GROWTH OF WEEDS, GRASSES, AND LAWNS OVER TWELVE (12) INCHES IN HEIGHT, MEASURED FROM GROUND SURFACE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Hallsville, Texas, finds that there is an increasing incidence of the growth of weeds, and lawns over twelve (12) inches in height, measured from the ground surface in the City of Hallsville; and

WHEREAS this causes continuing danger and threats to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hallsville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, TEXAS:

Sec. 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Hallsville, Texas.

Sec. 2. Prohibition

It shall be unlawful for any reason to permit or maintain any growth of weeds, grasses, or lawns over twelve (12) inches in height, measured from the ground surface, subject to the following restrictions:

- A. Those areas more than 200 feet from property containing a residential dwelling unit.
- B. All other areas more than 200 feet from a parcel containing a structure in use.

Sec. 3. Penalties

Any violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$200 per offense, with each separate date of violation constituting a separate offense.

Sec. 4. Saving Clause

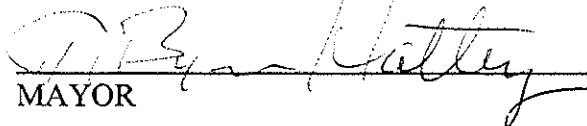
If any clause, section, or other part of this ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected there by, but shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 5. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon and after its final passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED the 10th day of OCTOBER, 2006.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY

(City Seal)