ORDINANCE 81-85

To Amend Various Sections of Chapter 6.06 of the Bloomington Municipal Code Regarding Procedures for Refuse and Weed Removal

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION I. Section 6.06.050, entitled "Removal order--Record", shall be amended to read as follows:

6.06.050 Removal notice. Whenever the chief of police finds refuse, weeds, or other rank vegetation on property within the city that is of such a character or to such an extent as to be injurious to the public health or comfort of the residents of the city, he shall notify the controller who shall issue a five-day written notice to remove the refuse or vegetation. Such notice shall be served by a police officer upon the landowner if he is a resident of the city, or by registered mail addressed to his last known address if he is a nonresident.

SECTION II. Section 6.06.060, entitled "Notice to remove--Generally", shall be amended to read as follows:

6.06.060 Failure to remove. If the landowner fails to remove the refuse or vegetation within the time prescribed, the city or its agent may remove it. The controller shall make a certified statement of the actual cost incurred by the city for the removal, and the statement shall be delivered to the owner of the property by a police officer or by registered mail, and the owner shall pay the amount to the controller.

SECTION III. Section 6.06.070, entitled "Removal by city--Generally", shall be amended to read as follows:

6.06.070 Cost of removal by city. If the landowner fails to pay the amount in the statement within ten days after receiving it, a certified copy of the statement of costs shall be filed in the office of the county auditor. The auditor shall place the amount claimed on the tax duplicate against the property affected by the work, and the amount shall be collected as taxes are collected and disbursed to the general fund of the city.

SECTION IV. Section 6.06.080, entitled "Removal by city--Cost", shall be repealed.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 7th day of October 1981.

Alfred I. Towell, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

Nora M. Connors, City Clerk

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor upon this 8th day of October, 1981.

Nora M. Connors, City Clerk

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 9th day of October , 1981.

Francis X. McCloskey, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

Effective September 1, there are new procedures cities must follow regarding weed removal, and this ordinance amends the Municipal Code to bring it into conformance with these changes.