

# THE CITY COUNCIL OF NORTH ROYALTON, OHIO

ORDINANCE 09-67

INTRODUCED BY: Willey, Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, PART SIX GENERAL OFFENSES CODE, CHAPTER 660 SAFETY, SANITATION AND HEALTH, SECTION 660.14 WEEDS AND GRASS, PARAGRAPHS (a) AND (b), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: It has been determined to be necessary to further define the language contained in the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton regarding exterior yard maintenance of parcels and lots within the city; and

WHEREAS: It is therefore necessary to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton, Part Six General Offenses Code, Chapter 660 Safety, Sanitation and Health, Section 660.14 Weeds and Grass, Paragraphs (a) and (b); and

WHEREAS: Council desires to provide for these amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. Part Six General Offenses Code, Chapter 660 Safety, Sanitation and Health, Section 660.14 Weeds and Grass, Paragraphs (a) and (b) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended in part to hereinafter read as follows:

660.14 WEEDS AND GRASS.

(a) Every owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or parcel of land in the Municipality shall cause such lot or parcel of land to be kept free, for a distance of not less than fifty feet from any dwelling, building, structure or public roadway, including ditches and tree lawns, ***and/or alternatively, a total area of 20,000 square feet from the roadway, whichever is greater,*** of any and all noxious weeds, grass and woody vegetation by cutting, by digging them under or by any other method approved by the Building Commissioner, unless such vegetation is part of a riparian or wetland setback as defined in Chapter 1492 or part of a deed restricted conservation area.

(b) Every owner, occupant or person in control of any lot or parcel of land shall also cause that portion of such lot or land, which lies within fifty feet of any dwelling, building or structure or public roadway located on any contiguous lot or parcel of land, ***and/or alternatively, 20,000 square feet from the roadway, whichever is greater,*** to be maintained and kept free of all such noxious weeds, woody vegetation, underbrush and nonedible grass in excess of six inches unless such vegetation is part of a riparian or wetland setback as defined in Chapter 1492 or part of a deed restricted conservation area.

Section 2. Chapter 660 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton is hereby amended as provided for herein and all other provisions of Chapter 660 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall supersede all previously adopted Ordinances in direct conflict herewith.

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the city, and for the further reason that it is immediately necessary to define the language contained in the Codified Ordinances of the City of North Royalton regarding exterior yard maintenance of parcels and lots within the city.

THEREFORE, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/s/ Vincent A. Gentile  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: /s/ Robert A. Stefanik  
MAYOR

DATE PASSED: July 7, 2009

DATE APPROVED: July 8, 2009

ATTEST: /s/ Laura J. Haller  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

First reading suspended  
Second reading suspended  
Third reading July 7, 2009

YEAS: Gentile, Nickell, Petrusky, Willey,  
Farrell, Antoskiewicz, Kasaris

NAYS: none