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Preserve the Open Park-like Setting

Dear Village Residents:

The stated goal of our Village clearly and simply asserts that we, as Village residents, strive to consistently make every effort to create and maintain a park-like environment within the entire Village: every street, every yard, and every home. That is the only way we can continue to be proud of our village.

As President, and with the Board of Trustees' support, we are bound to enforce our Municipal Code. This affects every resident and home within the Village. This Municipal Code is available on-line for all to see and follow. If there are any questions regarding this code, or if you have questions regarding ANYTHING, any resident can contact anyone on the Board of Trustees. There is a list of names and telephone numbers below.

In general, I have found that most of the residents have endeavored to keep their homes and yards up to the standards that keeps our village a "Park-like setting." I have traveled through the Village and have received telephone calls about different matters and the one consistent problem has been the lack of good yard appearance; overgrown grass, weed infested lawns, refuse in front and back yards. This should not be the case and the following sections of our Municipal Code relating to these issues are included in this letter.

6.07 TREE TRIMMING AND SANITATION.

(1) Trees to be Kept Trimmed.

Trees standing in and upon any public street or place, or upon any lot or land adjacent thereto shall be pruned and trimmed by the owner or owners or occupants of the property on or in front of which such trees are growing so that the lowest branches projecting over the public street or alley or road will provide a clearance of not less than fourteen (14) feet and a clearance of not less than ten (10) feet over any other public place and so that no dead, broken or otherwise hazardous branches shall be likely to fall and do injury to the public. Any tree not trimmed as herein provided shall be deemed hazardous.

6.08 WEED CONTROL.

(1) *Destruction of Weeds Required.*

Any persons owning, occupying or controlling any land in the Village of Elmwood Park shall, without notice, destroy noxious Weeds growing on such land at least once during each of the following periods of time:

Between June 7 and June 15

Between July 24 and August 1



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The term "Noxious Weeds" includes Canada thistle, Leafy Spurge, Field Bindweed, unsightly and troublesome plants which are detrimental to cultivated crops, public health, public welfare and to the general appearance of the surrounding area, or such uncultivated rank plants which create unpleasant or noxious odors or grow to such height as to permit the concealment of filthy deposits.

6.09 RECYCLING OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE REQUIRED.

(1) Collection Procedure and Mandatory Recycling. Every residential unit shall cooperate in the collection and recycling of garbage and refuse in accordance with this Section.

(2) Definitions.

(a) "Collector" means the person or persons specifically authorized by the Village Board to collect garbage and recyclable materials and dispose of same.

(b) "Containers" means those containers used for the storage of recyclable materials.

(c) "Recyclable Materials" means plastic HDPE two liter soda and laundry bottles; brown, green or clear glass bottles and jars; bimetal, metal and aluminum cans, newspapers that are bundled or placed in recyclable brown paper bags, and bundled corrugated cardboard. Such "recyclable materials" must be clean, uncontaminated, and dry, not food or oil stained, and must meet any other material specifications of the secondary market for said materials pursuant to any agreement made with the collector then selected by the Village.

(d) "Non-Recyclable Materials" means all Pyrex glass, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, broken glass and china, all Styrofoam and melamine type plastics, all waxed paper, waxed cardboard, envelopes with gummed labels or plastic windows, glossy paper, magazines and all other paper, garbage and rubbish, telephone directories, etc., not defined as recyclable materials.

(3) Method of Separation and Collection.

All recyclable materials shall be separated from other garbage and refuse and grouped together and placed for collection in their proper containers in the same manner as regular garbage collection occurs. Recyclable materials shall be grouped together in the following manner:

(a) Glass Container. Brown, green and clear glass shall be unbroken, rinsed and have covers removed.

b) Newspaper. All newspaper shall be bundled or placed in paper bags and be kept dry so as not to render them useless as a recyclable item and should be placed on top of all other recyclable materials in their proper container.

(c) Corrugated Cardboard. All corrugated cardboard shall be flattened but need not be bundled.

(d) Aluminum Cans. All aluminum cans and aluminum foil shall be cleaned and rinsed. Bimetal and metal cans shall also be cleaned and rinsed.

(e) Plastic Milk Containers. All plastic containers shall have the covers removed and be rinsed before being placed in their proper container.



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We run a free flow recycling program in the Village. Newspapers DO NOT have to be bundled or tied. Magazines, glossy paper, and telephone directories are also acceptable. Lawn waste should be in a brown bag or container. Plastics should be coded TYPE #1-2-4-5-7. Cardboard should be FLATTENED to make the most of the 90 gallon cart space as well as milk containers, aluminum, and bi-metal cans.

Each of the codes, if followed, will promote the very goal to “Preserve the open park-like setting.” The Board of Trustees desires to have your cooperation by mowing your lawns, removing undesirable weeds, and maintaining the general appearance of the surrounding areas and houses. Whether there are trees to be trimmed or removed, or there are yards filled with refuse (both front and back) that needs to be cleaned up, please use the services the Village provides for bulk pick-up to rid all unnecessary refuse or bulk items. The value of every home is affected by these conditions. Village residents should be in compliance in all of these matters and if not, there are penalty sections which will guide your thinking and decision to help promote the goal as stated above.

The Board of Trustees hopes all Village residents will encourage and promote the general welfare of our “park-like setting.”

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