CHAPTER 12

HEALTH AND SANITATION

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SECTION

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12.01 COMPULSORY CONNECTION TO SEWER

(A) NOTICE TO CONNECT. Whenever sewer and water becomes available to any building used for human habitation, the Village or its designee shall notify in writing the owner, agent or occupant thereof to connect all facilities thereto required by the Village. The notice required by this Section shall direct the owner or his agent to connect the building to such main or mains in the manner prescribed by the Village and to install such facilities and fixtures as may be reasonable necessary to permit passage of sewerage incidental to such human habitation into the sewerage system and to furnish an adequate supply of pure water for drinking and prevent creation of a health nuisance. If such person to whom the notice has been given shall fail to comply for more than thirty (30) days after the notice, the Village shall cause the necessary connections to be made the expense thereof shall be assessed as a special tax against the property. The owner may, within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice for the work completed, file a written option with the Village Clerk stating that he cannot pay the cost of connection in one sum and electing that such sum be levied in not to exceed five (5) equal installments, with interest on the unpaid balance at the current interest rate. Reference Chapter 281.45 Wisconsin Statutes.

(B) ABATEMENT OF PRIVIES AND CESSPOOLS. After connection to a water main and public sewer, no privy, privy vault, cesspool, septic tank, or holding tank shall be constructed or maintained upon such lot or parcel and shall be abated upon ten (10) days written notice for such abatement by the Village. If no so abated, the Village shall cause the same to be done and the cost thereof assessed as a special tax against the property. (Reference Chapter 8.06 11 Comm. 83.33 Wis. Administrative code regulates abandonment of private sewage systems after connection to sewer.

(C) EXTENSION OF TIME. The Village may extend the time for connection or may grant other temporary relief where strict enforcement would work an unnecessary hardship without corresponding public or private benefit.

12.02 KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND FOWL

See Chapter 11 of Village Ordinances.

12.03 DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

(A) The Village ;shall require according to State law, that every person is required to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Village of Junction which he owns, occupies or controls.

(B) If the owner or occupant shall neglect to destroy any weeds as required, the Village shall give five (5) days written notice by certified mails to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the weeds shall be growing to the effect that the Village after the expiration of five (5) days period will proceed to destroy or cause to be destroyed all such

weeds growing upon said lands and that the cost thereof will be assessed as a tax upon which such weeds are located under the provisions of Section 66.96 of the Wisconsin Statutes. In case the owner or occupant shall further neglect to comply with such five (5) day notice, then the Village shall destroy such weeds or cause them to be destroyed in the manner deemed to be the most economical method and the expense thereof, including the cost of billing and other necessary administrative expenses, shall be charged against such lots and be collected as a special tax thereon.

(C) Noxious weeds are those plants designated as noxious weeds in Section 66.96, Wisconsin Statutes and other rank growth.

12.04 REGULATION OF LENGTH OF LAWN AND GRASSES

(A) PURPOSE. This section is adopted due to the unique nature of the problems associated with lawns, grasses and weeds being allowed to grow to excessive length in the Village of Junction City.

(B) PUBLIC NUISANCE DELCARED. The Village Board finds that lawns on residential lots or parcels of land which exceed twelve (12) inches in length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomforting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other land within the Village. For that reason, any lawn on a residential lot or other parcel of land excluding agricultural land and plant communities of native grasses, which exceeds twelve (12) inches in length, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

(C) NUISANCES PROHIBITED. No person, firm or corporation shall permit any public nuisance as defined in subsection (b) above to remain on any premises owned or controlled by him within the Village of Junction City.

(D) ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE. If the Village shall determine with reasonable certainty that any public nuisance as defined in subsection (b) above exists, the Village shall immediately notify the owner and/or occupant of the land that if the situation is not corrected with five (5) days the Village will do the work and charge the same at the rate adopted by the Village Board. Notice under this section shall be certified mail to the owner and/or occupant at the address on file at the Village Clerk's office.

(E) ASSESSMENT OF COSTS OF ABATEMENT. The entire cost of abating any public nuisance as defined in subsection (b) above shall be chargeable to and assessed against the parcel or lot affected. The rate charged shall be a minimum charge of $30.00.

12.05 PENALTIES

The penalty for violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be forfeiture as hereinafter provided together with associated court costs. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day on which a violation occurs or continues, provided no forfeiture shall be imposed for a violation of section 12.01 when connected to the sewer or water main is enforce as the expense to the property owner.