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## TOWN OF SCHERERVILLE

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Dear Property Owner:

You are hereby notified that your property is in violation of **ordinance 1525**. This ordinance regulates the removal of weeds, noxious or rank vegetation, or trash on any property within the corporate limits of the Town of Schererville. You must maintain the first 220' of your property. This includes your rear yard. Please take note that this ordinance that took effect on April 23, 2001. Through the adoption of this ordinance, the town has the power and authority to require the owners of said real estate to remove weeds and trash within (7) days upon receipt of this letter. At this time, if an owner of such a property has either not complied or has no good cause for delay, in addition to all other remedies, the Town may:

1. Issue a citation for the violation of this ordinance.
2. Enter upon the property and cut the weeds, rank vegetation, or grass at the expense of the Owner; and add to the expenses of removal and cutting, an administrative cost of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) and reasonable attorney fees.
3. The town can issue a citation for each day of violation which would constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.
4. If the town enters upon the property of the Owner of either the developed lot, special subdivided lot or other property, and cuts the weeds, rank vegetation, and/or grass, then within thirty (30) days after doing so, the town shall send the owner a bill for the costs incurred by the town in abating the violation, and an additional amount of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) for administrative costs of the proceedings of work and collection.
5. Within ten (10) days following the mailing of the bill the Owner may appeal the notice of violation or the bill issued by a written notice to the Town Manager that the Owner disputes the violation or the bill, and the specific reason or reasons therefore. If the owner files an appeal, the Town Manager shall set the matter for an administrative hearing. The hearing shall be conducted as an informal hearing after which the Town Manager, shall provide the Owner with a written decision, and either affirm, rescind or modify the finding of a violation or the amount of the bill.
6. Whenever the Town of Schererville may enter the property of an Owner to cut excessive weeds, rank vegetation and/or grass, the Town may use either its own work forces or may contact an outside agency to perform the work.
7. This is the only letter you will receive this year. You must continue to maintain your property during the entire growing season. If your property goes over the 6" limit, you will be in violation.
8. If the Owner of the developed lot or special subdivided lot or the Owner an undeveloped lot or other property fails to pay a bill issued as directed in Section Four (4) of Ordinance 1525, within the time specified in this ordinance, the Town Manager shall certify to the County Auditor the amount of the bill, plus any additional administrative costs incurred in making the certification. Pursuant to IC 36-7-10.1-4, as existing or hereafter amended, the Auditor shall place the total amount, including any accrued interest, to be collected as delinquent taxes are collected. When collected, the amount shall be dispersed to the general fund of The Town of Schererville.

Sincerely,

Code Enforcement Officer