

Tall Grass and Trash Abatement Process

The Elizabeth Township Zoning Commission approved the language and intent of this Resolution on September 22, 2008 and recommended its approval to the Township Trustees. The Elizabeth Township Trustees adopted the Resolution on October 1, 2008.

1. When Tall Grass or Trash violations are discovered, the Elizabeth Township Zoning Inspector will initiate the following procedure.
2. The Zoning Inspector will visit the site and take photographs to document the conditions for evidence.
3. A letter will be sent to the property owner by Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested stating that a Township Resolution 410.02 is violated and notifying the property owner that the violation must be rectified within seven days. The letter will state that non-compliance will result in the Township rectifying the violation under Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code. All expenses will be charged to the property owner. Non payment, or partial payment of the charges, will result in the abatement of the property and these charges will be placed on the property owners tax bill.
4. After seven days the Zoning Inspector will re-inspect the property to verify if the property owner complied with the violation letter. If the violation is not corrected (grass cut, trash removed, etc.) then a title search is ordered and any lien holders are notified and given the opportunity to abate the violation.
5. The Zoning Inspector will notify the Township Trustees of any Non-compliance.
6. The Elizabeth Township Trustees will then pass a Resolution officially Declaring a nuisance and ordering that the nuisance be abated.
7. The Resolution will be sent to the property owner by Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested.
8. Seven days after the Elizabeth Township Trustees Resolution, the Property will be inspected by the Zoning Inspector. Elizabeth Township will correct any remaining violations at this time. All cost incurred by Elizabeth Township will be abated and placed on the property owners tax bill.