



Department of Public Works - Operations Division
 Zeldler Municipal Building - 841 N. Broadway, Room 620 - Milwaukee, WI 53202
 TELEPHONE: 414-286-CITY (2489)

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Make check payable to the City of Milwaukee. Check payments must be payable in U.S. dollars and be drawn on a U.S. bank. Payment receipt is only valid after check payment clears all banks. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account, or to process the payment as a check transaction.

July 20, 2021

TIFFANY DRAHONOSKY
 9128 W ELM CT UNIT A
 FRANKLIN, WI 53132

Record ID: **PWCF-21-03890**
 Violation: **Tall Grass and Weeds**
 Address: **1209 W ARTHUR AV**
 Taxkey: **4970736100**
 Notice Date: **06/03/2021**
 Amount Due: **\$493.10**

Re: 1209 W ARTHUR AV

Your property has been found in violation of City of Milwaukee Ordinance No. 80-17, states that no weeds of any kind shall be permitted to grow or stand more than 7 inches on any property in the city.

\$493.10 is now due. Future violations of this ordinance will result in escalating fees.

Pay Online

(Credit /Debit Card or E-Check)
milwaukee.gov/dpwpayment
 Enter the Record ID # found on the coupon below.

Pay In Person

(Cash or Check only)
 Present coupon below with payment during normal working hours:
 OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
 AT CITY HALL
 200 E WELLS ST

Pay by Mail

(Check or Money Order only)
 Send coupon below with check or money order to:
 OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
 200 E WELLS ST
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

If not paid within 30 days, an additional \$25 administrative fee will be incurred and added to your next property tax bill. If you fail to pay the full amount of your property tax bill, including the special assessments and charges, your property will be eligible for in rem tax foreclosure action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 75.521, Wisconsin State Statutes, or you may be subject to a personal civil action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 74.53, Wisconsin State Statutes.

To appeal these charges, print the appeal application available online at milwaukee.gov/appealform. You may also request an appeal application by calling (414) 286-CITY(2489). Return the appeal application along with the \$25 appeal filing fee to the Administrative Review Appeals Board, 200 E Wells St, Rm 205, **within 120 days** of the date of this letter.

By law, written notification to property owners/tenants in violation of this ordinance is not required. As a courtesy, a notice was posted on your property (unless that property is a vacant lot) for compliance. To sign up for email notifications of Forestry and Sanitation Services property violations; visit milwaukee.gov/enotify and subscribe to location based service notifications.

If you have any questions regarding these charges, please contact the City of Milwaukee Call Center at (414) 286-CITY (2489). You can search for current charges against your property and pay online at milwaukee.gov/lms.



IMPORTANT NOTICE: A \$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPEAL, WITHIN THE DEADLINE REFERENCED BY THE BILL.

Checks should be made payable to: City of Milwaukee and a copy of the bill should be included with your appeal

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CUSTOMERS PAYING BY CHECK

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account, or to process the payment as a check transaction.

IF THE CHARGES HAVE ALREADY APPEARED ON YOUR TAX BILL, THIS APPEAL CANNOT BE FILED

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

This Board may only determine if the City Department followed proper administrative procedures. It cannot hear appeals as to whether a Building Order is valid or not (those must be appealed to the Standards and Appeals Commission).

TO: Administrative Review Appeals Board
City Hall, Rm. 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2231

DATE: 8-17-21

RE: 1209 W. Arthur Ave MkF
(Address of property in question) 53219

Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.

I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by Dept of Public Works
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 493.10

Charge relative to: fall grass & weeds

I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

I was not notified in a timely manner by tenant or city. Tenant did not communicate notice or that lawn equipment was not operational.

I have since signed up for online notifications and have new tenants AND a lawn service so this cannot happen again.

I feel this fine is exorbitant. I immediately went to the property and addressed the issue. I'm requesting to please please reduce this or eliminate the fine. I will be adding an additional

Tiffany Drahonovsky
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Name (please print)

Structure or paving this land in the near future.

9128 W. Elm Ct. Unit A 414-412-8701
Mailing address and zip code Daytime phone numbers

Franklin WI 53132
TIFDRA@yahoo.com
E-Mail Address(s)

August 17, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to appeal the decision to fine me \$493.10 for the violation at my property located at 1209 W Arthur Ave.

Record: PWCF-21-03890

Violation: Tall Grass and Weeds

Taxkey: 4970736100

My tenant, who has a lawn mowing business, did not notify me of the notification on the house and he did not notify me that his lawn care equipment was broken so he would not be able to perform the lawn care services for his rent reduction.

My tenant did tell me that the neighbors kept trespassing onto my property and were disputing which house had the yard that is between them. I looked this up and spoke with the neighboring land owner, after verifying it was my land, and he was going to talk with his tenants about what property is theirs to enjoy. My tenant claims that the now angry neighbor tenants called to report the long grass as a result of their dissatisfaction in being able to use the land. Tenant also states that the lawn had been this tall in the past prior to my owning the property and he believes the neighbor called in this violation. Regardless, I made sure to confirm his understanding that no matter what the situation, if the grass is not able to be mowed and it is getting near 4", that I will use my backup lawncare provider as it is my goal to have the property and yard in good condition for my tenant and for the neighborhood.

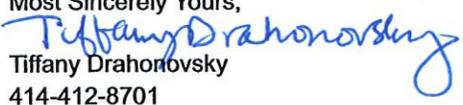
When I received notification, I immediately had the weeds and lawn cut, and confirmed that the lawn equipment is in good operating condition as well as my tenant's understanding of how we need to keep the lawn and this fine.

I am respectfully requesting that the fine be fully waived, or at least significantly diminished. I remedied the lawn and have spoken to the neighboring landowner to remedy the trespassing situation and concerns our tenants had as neighbors. I have made sure to sign up for enotify for my rental properties.

While I am a newer owner of rental property, I took the (awesome!!) city offered land lord program and have every interest in making sure my properties have no violations and are in good condition. Respectfully, the fine for this violation is almost as much as I get for rent, which seems excessive.

Would you please consider waiving this fine for this one instance?

Most Sincerely Yours,



Tiffany Drahorovsky

414-412-8701

tifdra@yahoo.com

A local investor working hard to create quality, affordable housing and better our neighborhoods by improving homes.

Please detach and return with payment for City of Milwaukee DPW Tall Grass and Weeds Charge

A \$25 administrative fee will be added if not paid by: 08/19/2021

Record ID PWCF-21-03890

Bill To

TIFFANY DRAHONOBKY
9128 W ELM CT UNIT A
FRANKLIN, WI 53132

City of Milwaukee

Amount Due \$493.10

Make Checks
Payable To

Office of the City of Treasurer
PO Box 514062
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3462

In person payments can be made at:
Office of the City of the Treasurer
City Hall, Room 103
200 E Wells Street

Mail To

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Receipt of A.R.A.B. Appeal Fee

Date:	9/14/21
Received Of:	Tiffany Drahonobsky
Property at:	1209 W. Arthur Ave.
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	Money order 19-293032896 \$25.00