



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

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

DATE: 7/7/2023

RE: 3636 N. 100th St 53222
(Address of property in question)

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 Public works
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 336.96 and 518.42

Charge relative to: Tall Grass & weeds Record ID PWCF-23-02631

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:

- ① See attached written summary of events
- ② I have digital photos & video with a date and timestamp on my personal phone to serve as proof of my claims. I also have two witnesses: Gabrielle Bregart and Olivia Joyce. The media is digital so I request an email address to send them.
- ③ It seems unusual that the city sent me two separate bills for the same Record ID with differing amounts owed on the same date (copies provided)

Kevin Joyce
Signature

Kevin Joyce
Name (please print)

3636 N. 100th St

Milwaukee WI 53222 608-370-1519 or 414-962-6662
Mailing address and zip code Daytime phone numbers

Kjoyce174@gmail.com
E-Mail Address(s)

July 7, 2023

Board of Appeals

Here is my summary of events regarding Violation Record ID PWCF-23-02631.

I mowed my grass in the later afternoon on Monday 6/5/23. I received on a notice on 6/7/23 (with an issue date of 6/5/23) that my grass and weeds were overgrown and that I had 5 days from the issue date to correct the issue or receive a fine. Though I had already mowed, some of the weeds along my property were overgrown. The evening of Friday 6/9/23, I went through my entire property and trimmed all weeds and any other plant that I did not intentionally plant, well below the 7 inch requirement. It had become dark by the time I had finished and so on Saturday 6/10/23 morning before work I recorded videos and took pictures of my yard to show that I corrected the problem. This media will be provided by email after shortly you receive this appeal.

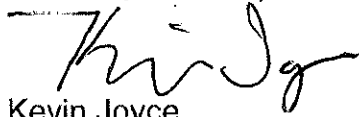
On Tuesday June 20 I received a text message and phone call from my girlfriend (Gabrielle Riegert) stating that somebody was mowing my grass. She was in my home and took pictures of the work being done on my property after they finished. This trimming was unnecessary as my property was no longer in violation of the city ordinance as no weeds or grass were 7 inches or taller. Furthermore I had already corrected the problem as outlined by the city and documented above (as well as media to come). I also have pictures taken on 6/20/23 that show the yard of one of my neighbors whose grass is not only significantly longer than mine, but is over 7 inches. I do not wish to identify the neighbor but simply to show this as evidence of bias against me and my property since the ordinance is being applied differently to me compared to neighbors.

The evidence I've provided shows that I have followed the instructions on the city's notice of violation of the city ordinance. Furthermore the proof shows that I had taken the necessary steps (as outlined on the notice of violation) to fix the violation and avoid penalty and should not have been fined. The city has ordered my lawn to be mowed against the information provided on my notice of violation and I should also not have had my lawn mowed. For these reasons and the evidence I've included I am asking for the fine to be removed and the fee for mowing also be removed. I would also like to ask the advisory board to investigate reasons for the apparent bias I have received in the implementation of this city ordinance. I have no interest in continuing to receive a different application of this law than my neighbors in the future.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions or if you require statements by the two witnesses (Gabrielle Riegert and Olivia Joyce) as to the condition of my property and the information included within this appeal.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this appeal

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Joyce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Kevin Joyce

3636 N 100th Street

Milwaukee, WI 53222

Phone: 608-370-1519



Department of Public Works - Operations Division
 Zeller Municipal Building - 541 N. Broadway, Room 620 - Milwaukee, WI 53262
 TELEPHONE: 414-986-CITY (2489)

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June 28, 2023

KEVIN JOYCE
 3636 N 100TH ST
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53222

Record ID: PWCF-23-02631
 Violation: Tall Grass and Weeds
 Address: 3636 N 100TH ST
 Taxkey: 2611147000
 Notice Date: 06/05/2023
 Amount Due: \$518.42

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.

\$518.42 is now due. Future violations of this ordinance will result in escalating fees.

Pay Online

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

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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.

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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.

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: 07/28/2023

Bill To KEVIN JOYCE
 3636 N 100TH ST
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53222

Record ID PWCF-23-02631

Amount Due \$518.42

City of Milwaukee

Make Checks Payable To

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

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 MILWAUKEE, WI 53222

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 Taxkey: 2611147000
 Notice Date: 06/05/2023
 Amount Due: \$336.96

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| Date: | 7/25/23 |
| Received Of: | Kevin Joyce |
| Property at: | 3636 N. 100th St. |
| Received By: | LME |
| Check # (If Applicable): | 1178 |
| Amount: | \$25.00 |