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

DATE: 10/14/19

RE: 1622 S. Union ST
(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 City of Milwaukee DPW
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 427.36

Charge relative to: tall grass in rear yard approx. 600 sq ft

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:

8/26/19 received notice and Bill #427.36 separately by mail
at property address I was made aware of this on 9/21/19.
called forestry code department for more information on 9/23/19
on 9/25/19 Jason explained it was the rear yard approx 600 sq ft
was in violation and minimum charge was 0-2500 sq ft. and it
was escalated to a second notice -> as 1st notice was cancelled as
Front yard was mowed by homeowner promptly, Jason closed my
record #101002908286 on 9/28/19, continued on 2nd page

Joanne Sontag
Signature

Joanne Sontag (OWNER together with 4 siblings)
Name (please print)

1900 N Oak Grove Rd
Mailing address and zip code
Oconomowoc
WI 53066

262 370-8800
Daytime phone number



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Jason From Forestry referred me To Alderman Perez
@ 286-3861 → called Alderman on 9/25/19 asked for consideration
OF SUCH AN EXPENSIVE fine and didnt get any other notice → I signed
up for E-Notify immediatly per alderman advisement, The weather
conditions were horrid at that time so much rain, I called back
on numerous occasions 10/3, 10/4, 10/8 trying to get updated
on 10/8 alderman office, unable to help, referred me to
MAYORS office. ON 10/8 spoke to Olivia and she kindly took
my information → I called MAYORS office ON 10/14 for
any updates → SPOKE to Nick who sent my info to DPW
to try to finally get this resolved. he encouraged me
filing this appeal, explanation of situation, and check,
Please help me cancel this violation as both my parents
are now deceased after 60 years of ownership. and
to my knowledge no violations... my Brother who lives
on Property is 62yrs old and recently suffered knee injury
I promise this will Be an isolated incident.
Sincerely Joanne Sontag



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

NALD & DOROTHY OSTERMAN
E ESTATE
NNIS A OSTERMAN ET AL
22 S UNION ST
LWAUKEE, WI 53204

Record #: PWCF-19-169
Taxkey #: 46015910
Property Violation Address: 1622 S UNION
Notice Date: 8/22/2019

**Your property has been found to be in violation City ordinance
(Sec. 80.17), grass and weeds 7" or more in height**

You have 5 days of the Notice Date to correct this condition

**This may be the ONLY mailed notice you will receive for
violations of this ordinance during the calendar year**

There will be no charges for the first violation, in this calendar year, if corrected within 5 days. Failure to correct within 5 days will incur \$150 in special charges plus the cost for correction by a City contractor. A second violation in this calendar year incurs a \$100 special charge, regardless of owner correction. Special charges increase in \$50 increments up to \$300 for each additional violation. An additional escalating special charge and contractor costs will be charged for failure to correct.

Sec. 80.17.6) Charges and Costs: a. Any person who fails to cut turf grasses or weeds as required shall be subject to special charge of \$50 for a first violation in a calendar year, if the violation is not abated... b. The amount of the special charge for any second and each subsequent violation in the same calendar year shall increase by \$50 from the amount of the special charge imposed for the previous violation, not to exceed \$300 for 6 or more violations in the same calendar year. c. There shall be an additional special charge of \$100 for failure to mow or otherwise abate any condition that remains in violation of this section. Upon a subsequent failure to comply with this section in the same calendar year, the person shall be subject to a special charge of \$150. d. Any costs incurred by the city in abatement or remediation shall constitute additional special charges. Costs of correction and special charges will be billed to the property owner and if not paid become a lien on the subject property...

To sign up for email notifications visit milwaukee.gov/enotify. Once you create an account, go to Subscriptions and select Notification Based Subscriptions and enter the address(es) for notification. Then check the category labeled Forestry and Notification violations.

600 sq ft

*0.13774 acres
total*



Department of Public Works - Operations Division
Zelmer Municipal Building - 841 N. Broadway, Room 330 - Milwaukee, WI 53202
TELEPHONE (414) 336-CITY (2489)

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.

*600 sq ft
rear
yard*

September 10, 2019

DONALD & DOROTHY OSTERMAN
LIFE ESTATE DENNIS A OSTERMAN ET AL
1622 S UNION ST
MILWAUKEE, WI 53204

Record ID: **PWCF-19-16952**
Violation: **Tall Grass and Weeds**
Address: **1622 S UNION ST**
Taxkey: **4601591000**
Notice Date: **08/22/2019**
Amount Due: **\$427.36**

Re: 1622 S UNION ST

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.
\$427.36 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 75.321, Wisconsin State Statutes, or you may be subject to a personal civil action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 75.33, 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/notify 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: 10/10/2019

Bill To DONALD & DOROTHY OSTERMAN
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MILWAUKEE, WI 53204

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Make Checks Payable To **City of Milwaukee**

In person payments can be made at:
Office of the City of the Treasurer
City Hall, Room 103
200 E Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53203

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

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

Date:	10/21/19
Received Of:	Joanne Sontag
Property at:	1622 S. Union St.
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	1010 \$25.00