

**BOROUGH OF TURBOTVILLE, NORTUMBERLAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 22-11-07**

ORDINANCE REINSTATING THE AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF IMPROVED AND UNIMPROVED PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH REGULATING THE GROWTH OF GRASS AND WEEDS ON SAID PROPERTY; AND REGULATING THE UNLAWFUL DEPOSITS OF MATERIALS ON OR NEAR ANY OF THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND ALLEYS WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

SECTION 1. PREAMBLE

§ 1. **WHEREAS**, the Borough of Turbotville is desirous of regulating the growth of grass and weeds on improved and unimproved properties within the limits of the Borough for health and safety reasons.

§ 2. **WHEREAS**, the Borough is also desirous of regulating the deposit of materials on or near the streets, highways and alleys within the limits of the Borough to promote proper drainage of stormwater runoff, catch basin cleanliness, and general safety of travel conditions.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

§1. **MATERIALS** - Organic and inorganic material that will disrupt stormwater runoff, and cause safety issues for vehicular and pedestrian travel. (I.E grass clippings, leaf debris, branches, solid vegetables, or animal matter.)

SECTION 3. OFFENSE DEFINED

§ 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, or any agent thereof, to do, authorize, aid or abet and allow the growth of any grass and weeds, above the height of (6) six inches upon the premises owned by said person, firm or corporation.

§ 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation, or any agent thereof, to do, authorize, aid and abet by causing to be placed, thrown or maintained on any highways, streets, alleys, or sidewalks any materials that will decay or become offensive and or create impairment of stormwater runoff in to any of the drains, streams or sewers within the limits of the Borough.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT

§ 1. Ordinance may be enforced by the Borough Enforcement Officers. The enforcing officer will use common sense and discretion in the enforcement of this Ordinance and shall consider means other than the issuance of a summons where appropriate. No tickets may be based upon hearsay. All infractions will be recorded and stored at Turbotville Municipal Office.

§ 2. There shall be a presumption that materials immediately adjacent to a property on a street or alley were caused to be placed there by the property owner. The property owner is responsible for

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any outside agency conducting a service to their property. This is a rebuttable presumption and will be penalized according to **SECTION 5. PENALTY**.

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§ 1. No **NOTICE OF VIOLATION** will be given for this Ordinance.

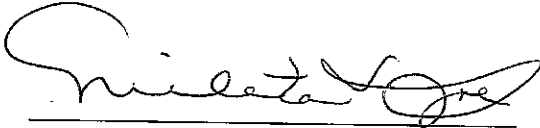
§ 2. **ANYONE** found in violation of any section in this ordinance shall pay a ticket for a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) issued by the Borough Enforcement Officers, and in default payment thereof, shall be subject to a citation with the District Magistrates Office and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) plus court fees.

SECTION 6. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ORDINANCES.

§ 1. **Therefore**, all Ordinances including Ordinance NO. 9-19 and Ordinance NO. 85-2 or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of the Borough of Turbotville, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania.

This: 7th Day Of: November, Year: 2022



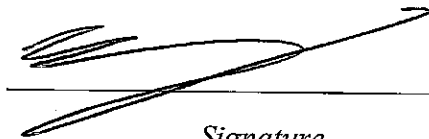
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Mayor

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