

State of Tennessee )  
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City of Belle Meade)

ORDINANCE NO. 11

An Ordinance by the City of Belle Meade to provide for the cutting of weeds on vacant property and to make mandatory upon the owners thereof the reasonable care and cutting of such property so as to prevent the growth of weeds thereon, and to provide that in the event such owner fails to cut weeds on vacant property, after notification by the City Manager, the City Manager may at the expense of the city have such vacant property cut and recover the costs thereof from the owner of said property.

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED, by The City of Belle Meade that the growth of weeds on vacant property in the City of Belle Meade is hereby recognized, and declared to be, a menace to the health and safety of the citizens of Belle Meade and especially to those citizens thereof who are susceptible to hay fever and other respiratory diseases.

SECTION II. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the owners of vacant property located within the City of Belle Meade are hereby required to keep such vacant property from growing up in weeds by having same cut by a mower or otherwise at least twice during each annual growing season, and one such cutting shall be made not later than the 10th of July each year and the other of said cuttings shall be made not later than the 20th of August of each year.

SECTION III. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the City Manager of the City of Belle Meade is hereby directed to make regular inspection of all of the vacant property located within the City limits of the City of Belle Meade and if such property owner of such property has failed to have or make either of such cuttings hereinbefore required by Section II hereof, the City Manager is authorized and directed to give notice by registered mail to any persons shown by the tax books to be an owner of such vacant property, said notice to be mailed to the last known post office address of such owner. Such notice shall state to the owner that he has failed to observe the requirements of this Ordinance as set forth in Section II hereof and shall further advise said owner that unless the owner has said cutting done within two weeks, from the date of the notice, then and in that event the City of Belle Meade, acting through its City Manager will have said cutting done.

SECTION IV. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the City Manager is hereby authorized whenever the owner of any vacant property within the City of Belle Meade has failed to respond to the notice set forth in Section III hereinabove by not having the vacant property properly cut and cleared of weeds within two weeks from the date of the mail of said notice, to go upon said property and have the weeds thereon cut by mower or otherwise, as the judgment of the City Manager in each individual case may recommend. The City Manager is authorized and directed to undertake and to do said cutting at the expense of the City of Belle Meade and to pay therefore with the funds of the City of Belle Meade.

SECTION V. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the owners of vacant property located within the City limits of Belle Meade shall reimburse the City of Belle Meade for all expenditures in the cutting of such vacant property in accordance with the provisions of Section II hereinabove and after the failure of said lot owners to respond to the notice set forth in Section III hereinabove all such owners are hereby declared to be liable to the City of Belle Meade for all sums spent by the City of Belle Meade in cutting vacant property of such owners under the circumstances aforesaid. Such lot owners' liability may be endorsed either by action against the owners or against the property itself or both.

SECTION VI. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the City Manager is directed to notify the City Attorney of the City of Belle Meade of all amounts so expended for the cutting of vacant property and the City Attorney is authorized and directed to institute suits in the name of the City of Belle Meade for the recovery of all such sums so expended.

SECTION VII. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that this Ordinance shall become effective upon the day of its final passage, the Board of Commissioners hereby making the statement that an emergency exists in that such vacant property within the City Limits is growing up in weeds and that not later than the date of the first cutting required: to wit: July 10, 1940, the growth of these weeds and the seeds and pollen therefrom will be come a definite menace to the health and safety of the Citizens of Belle Meade and it is, therefore, necessary that this Ordinance become effective upon the date of its final passage.

*Morton B. Howell*  
Recorder  
*Douglas Gray*  
Mayor

Adopted  
June 12  
1940

*A. H. Stevens*  
Commissioner  
*L. C. Gray*  
Commissioner

ORDINANCE NO. 12

An Ordinance by the City of Belle Meade to provide against the increase of the smoke nuisance in the City of Belle Meade by requiring that all dwelling houses hereafter constructed shall be equipped with stoker or other approved smoke prevention appliances on furnaces or central heating plants, which use coal for fuel; and to provide that before the Building Inspector of the City of Belle Meade shall issue a permit for the construction of any dwelling house within the city limits of Belle Meade, he shall examine the plans for the proposed heating unit to see that the same comply with the requirements of this Ordinance, and to provide that the Building Inspector shall issue no permits for the construction of any dwelling house unless the same comply with the requirements of this Ordinance.

SECTION I. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the increasing smoke in the area of the City is hereby recognized as and hereby declared to be a menace to the health and property of the citizens of the City of Belle Meade.

SECTION II. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that no dwelling house shall hereafter be constructed within the City limits of the City of Belle Meade unless the furnace or heating unit therein, be equipped with a stoker or other approved smoke prevention appliance if said furnace or heating unit is designed or can be used for burning coal.

SECTION III. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the City Building Inspector of the City of Belle Meade is authorized and directed to examine the plans of any dwelling house submitted to him under an application for a building permit to see whether or not the same comply with the requirements of Section II herein above set out, and the City Building Inspector shall not approve said plans or issue any building permit therefor, unless and until satisfied that the same comply in every way the requirements of Section II hereinabove.

SECTION IV. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that the words "approved smoke prevention appliances," shall mean either a stoker or some contrivance or device in connection with the furnace which, in the opinion of the Building Inspector, will prevent the furnace or central heating plant from the smoking any more than it would smoke if equipped with a stoker.

SECTION V. BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Belle Meade that when any person, firm or corporation has obtained a building permit in the City of Belle Meade by submitting plans showing compliance with Section II hereinabove then such person, firm or corporation shall not thereafter alter such plan in any way so as to change, alter or abandon the specifications relative to stoker or smoke prevention appliances, without the written consent of the City Building Inspector, and the City Building Inspector is authorized to proceed in the name of the City of Belle Meade to enjoin any such person, firm or corporation who attempts to make any such change, alteration or abandonment of said plans and specifications or who has obtained said permit by showing that the furnace or central heating plant was to be used for coke, and thereafter commenced to use coal therein.

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