

ORDINANCE NO. 61-2

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF WEEDS, HIGH GRASS, AND UNDERBRUSH UPON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SAME, IN THE EVENT THE OWNER OF SUCH PROPERTY SHALL FAIL SO TO DO, BY THE CITY, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTIFYING THE OWNER OF SUCH PROPERTY, AND PROVIDING FOR RECOVERY OF THE EXPENSE OF SUCH CUTTING AND REMOVAL, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The unrestricted growth of weeds, high grass and underbrush upon property in the City of Belle Meade is hereby found to be, or likely to be, detrimental to the health, safety, morals, convenience and general welfare of the citizens of Belle Meade because of the tendency to aggravate hay fever, asthma and other respiratory diseases, and because of the hazard of grass and brush fires in dry seasons.

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of owners of all property in the City of Belle Meade to cause the weeds, grass and underbrush in excess of twelve (12) inches height above ground level to be cut or mowed, and removed or otherwise disposed of, at least twice during the annual growing season of plants; one such cutting and removal shall be completed not later than July 10 of each year, and the second such cutting and removal shall be completed not later than August 10 of each year.

SECTION 3. The City Manager of the City of Belle Meade is hereby directed to make regular inspections of all property within the City of Belle Meade, to determine if such cutting and removal of weeds, high grass and underbrush has been accomplished in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 hereof. In the event he shall find any property upon which such cutting and removal has not been so accomplished, then he shall cause notice to be forwarded to the last known address of all owners of such property as are shown upon the tax books of the City, which notice shall be forwarded by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to such owners, and such notice shall advise the owners that there has been no compliance with Section 2 of this ordinance, and shall further advise that, in the event compliance is not effected within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of mailing such notice, the City of Belle Meade will cause such cutting and removal to be accomplished, and the expense thereof charged to the property and the owners thereof as shown by said tax books.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is authorized and directed to prepare and send all such notices as are provided for in Section 3 hereinabove, and, in the event the cutting and removal required by this ordinance shall not have been accomplished in the time allowed in such notice, then the

City Manager is further authorized and directed to cause such cutting and removal to be done at the expense of the City of Belle Meade and to cause an account therefor to be made for each tract or parcel of property upon which such cutting and removal is done. The City Manager shall then notify the owners of the property of the amount of such expense, in the same manner as in Section 3 hereinabove, and shall further notify such owners that reimbursement of such expense is required within fifteen (15) days from date of such notice.

SECTION 5. All owners of property shall be liable, jointly and severally, for the expense of such cutting and removal accomplished by the City upon their property, and the property itself shall be subject to suit for reimbursement of such expenses. In the event the expenses of such cutting and removal shall not have been paid within the fifteen (15) day period allowed following notice as hereinabove provided, then the expense shall be entered upon the tax books of the City as a charge against each such parcel of property whereon such expense was incurred. In the event such expense shall not have been reimbursed by December 1 of the year in which same was incurred, then the City Manager shall notify the City Attorney of all such amounts expended, and the City Attorney is authorized and directed to institute suits in the name of the City of Belle Meade to recover all sums expended by the City pursuant to the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the citizens and of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Belle Meade that the sections, paragraphs, sentences and words of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence or word of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration or holding shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences or words, inasmuch as same would have been enacted by the Board of Commissioners without the incorporation in this ordinance, of such invalid or unconstitutional section, paragraph, sentence or word.

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MAYOR

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VICE MAYOR

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COMMISSIONER

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RECORDER

Passed First Reading
February 2, 1961.

Passed Second Reading
February 9, 1961.

Passed Third Reading
and Adopted
March 21, 1961.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-3

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF
BELLE MEADE FOR THE YEAR 1961.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLE MEADE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Taxes on all taxable property within the corporate limits
of the City of Belle Meade for the year 1961 shall be collected, computed
at the rate of two and three-tenths (\$.0023) mills on each One (\$1.00)
Dollar of assessed valuation. The values as assessed by Davidson
County shall apply.

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MAYOR

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VICE MAYOR

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COMMISSIONER

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RECORDER

Passed First Reading
July 20, 1961.

Passed Second Reading
July 27, 1961.

Passed Third Reading
and Adopted
August 3, 1961.