

**ORDINANCE #256**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CONRAD, IOWA, 2002, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER REQUIRING THE MOWING OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONRAD.**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the City Council of the City of Conrad, Iowa:

**SECTION 1. NEW CHAPTER.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Conrad, Iowa, 2002 is amended by adding a new Chapter 52 entitled MOWING OF PROPERTIES, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

**52.01 MOWING OF PROPERTIES.** Any property within the City of Conrad, whether vacant or occupied, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than six (6) inches during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September and October of each year. Vegetation shall be measured from the ground to the tip of the longest blade.

**52.02 PENALTY.** Any property which is not mowed as set out above may be mowed by the City or their agents, and a charge of \$75.00 per hour for such mowing, plus a surcharge of \$100.00, will be charged to the property owner. Any property owners who fail to mow their properties, thus allowing the same to be mowed by the City or their agents, and who do not provide payment for the mowing as required, will be assessed by the City for such costs, which will be collected in the same manner as general property taxes.

**52.03 METHOD OF NOTICE AND BILLING.** Annual publication of this ordinance shall serve as general notice to all property owners. In addition, the city shall give written notice of a first violation to the property owner in each calendar year. Notice shall give the property owner a reasonable time to mow the property, and failure to comply shall result in the City mowing the property as provided in section 52.02 of this ordinance. The City shall not be required to give more than one written notice to a property owner in a calendar year. Any billings for mowing done by the City or their agents are to be sent by regular mail and shall become delinquent 30 days after mailing.

**SECTION 2. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE.** This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.