

BOROUGH OF AVALON

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Ordinance No. 1349

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1067 AND 1222, AND ESTABLISHING FINES AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE OF PROPERTY OWNERS TO MAINTAIN WEEDS AND PLANT GROWTH ON THEIR PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Avalon previously adopted Ordinance No. 1067 requiring property owners to maintain plant life on their property so as to not interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic on streets and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1067 established fines for any property owner found to be in violation of the provisions contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Avalon also previously adopted Ordinance No. 1223, establishing the International Property Maintenance Code, Fourth Edition, 1993, as the standards for property maintenance within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Section 303.4 of the International Property Maintenance Code requires the exterior of all property be maintained free of weeds and plant growth in excess of 10 inches; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avalon has the authority to establish fines for failure of property owners within the Borough maintain their property in accordance with Borough Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Borough now wishes to amend Ordinance Nos. 1067 and 1223 in order to establish new fines for property owners failure to maintain exteriors free of weeds and plant growth in excess of 10 inches.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Council of the Borough of Avalon, Allegheny County as follows:

I. FINES ESTABLISHED

Any person found to be violating the provisions of Ordinance No. 1067 or Section 303.4 Weeds of the International Property Maintenance Code, Fourth Edition, 1993, or any provision regarding maintenance of weeds and plant growth contained within any subsequent edition of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the Borough, may be cited by any Borough police officer, code enforcement officer or any other person granted authority by the Borough to enforce its ordinances. The fine imposed by citation shall be no less than \$50.00 for the first violation per property and no more than \$300.00 per violation per property for each subsequent violation. Each day that the weeds and plant growth on a property are not maintained within the standards established by Ordinance No. 1067 and the International Property Maintenance Code shall be considered a new violation.

II. FEE RESOLUTION

The fines contained herein shall be set forth in the Avalon Borough Fee Schedule as adopted by the Borough Council, as amended from time to time, by resolution.

III. INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES REPEALED.

All prior ordinances and sections inconsistent with the terms contained herein are hereby repealed.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

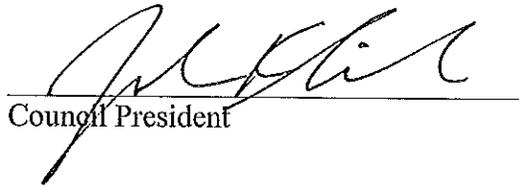
THIS ORDINANCE adopted by the Council of Avalon Borough at a duly assembled public meeting held this 17 day of December, 2013.

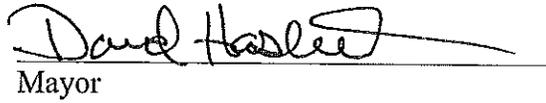
ATTEST:


Secretary

AVALON BOROUGH

By:


Council President


Mayor