ORDINANCE NO. 97-3 TOWN OF UNION BRUSH REMOVAL ORDINANCE

Purpose: To promote public safety for drivers and pedestrians using town roads.

The Town Board of the Town of Union, Rock County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

- (1) No persona shall plant, maintain, or permit any shrubs, brush, or trees, debris, rocks, foreign or impediments to mowing, withing ten (10) feet of the edge of the pavement of any Town road.
- (2) The adjacent property owner shall be responsible to cut or trim to ground level, and clear and remove all brush, shrubbery, and trees form roadsides to a distance of ten (10) feet beyond the edge of the paving on all Town roads and to a height of sixteen (16) feet when brush overhangs the road.
- (3) The adjacent property owner shall be responsible to cut or trim to ground level, and clear all brush, shrubbery, and trees to the property line a distance of one hundred (100) feet from all road intersections.
- (4) The enforcement of this ordinance shall be by the Town Board of Supervisors. The Town Board may exempt specific trees from the removal provisions of this ordinance.
- (5) If any person neglects to cut the roadside brush, shrubbery and trees as provided by this ordinance, the Town Board shall, after first giving fourteen (14) days written notice by certified mail to the owner or occupant, cause to remove the shrubbery, brush, or trees, in the manner deemed to be the most economical method. The Town Board shall present to the Town Treasurer the costs of the removal of the brush, verified by oath. Such account shall specify by separate items the amount chargeable by each piece of land, describing the same, and shall, after being paid by the Treasurer, be filed with the Town Clerk, who shall enter the amount chargeable to each tract of land in the next tax roll in a column headed "Road Brush Removal", as a tax on the lands on which said brush was removed, which tax shall be collected as other taxes are, or as taxes are collected on personal property pursuant to §74.11, except case of lands which are exempt from taxation in the usual way.
- (6) The Town Board, or its agents or employees, may, after written notice given as herein provided, enter upon any lands upon which any of the brush mentioned in the section is growing, and cut or otherwise destroy and remove the brush, without being liable for any action for trespass or any other action for damages resulting from such entry and destruction, if reasonable care is exercised in the performance of the duty herein imposed.
- (7) This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Passed and adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Union this 7th day of August, 1997. Published August 13, 1997.

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