

ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE NO. 31, 2026

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY TO REIMBURSE THE VILLAGE FOR THE COSTS OF CUTTING, TRIMMING, AND REMOVING HIGH GRASS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Section 905.05(a) of the Codified Ordinances authorize the Village of St. Bernard to cause the trimming and removal of the tree plant or litter, or any part thereof, or the cutting and removal of rank or noxious vegetation and litter, when the owner of the property fails to do so as required in Sections 905.01 and 905.03 hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 905.05(a) of the Codified Ordinances authorizes the Village of St. Bernard to charge the property owner with the costs of bringing the land or real property into compliance with this Chapter including a processing charge with a time limit for payment; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 905.99 of the Codified Ordinances authorizes the Village of St. Bernard to the charge the property owner with a fine for being in violation of the Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 905.05(c) of the Codified Ordinances authorizes the Village Auditor to make a written statement to the County Auditor of the unpaid charges described in Section 905.05(a) and to request that those amounts be assessed as a lien upon the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of St. Bernard has incurred expenses in labor and equipment and notification and invoice processing on several properties in the Village, and the property owners have refused to pay the costs thereof after having received due notification from the Village; now therefore

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** The following amounts have been charged to the property listed below for the costs incurred by the Village in notifying and invoicing the property owners as well as the costs for cutting, trimming, and removing high grass, noxious weeds and litter, and fines;

| <u>ADDRESS</u> | <u>BOOK-PLAT-PARCEL</u> | <u>AMOUNT DUE</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 7 Ludlow Place | 582-0006-0146-00        | \$160.00          |

**Section 2.** The Village Auditor shall notify the County Auditor of the charges listed in Section 1 above for entrance on the property tax duplicate as a weed cutting or litter removal assessment and as a lien upon the property.

**Section 3.** This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for the emergency is that it is necessary to meet the County’s filing deadline for placing the amounts on the tax rolls for next year. Therefore, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately by and upon its passage and the approval of two-thirds of the members of said Council. However, this Ordinance shall take effect on the earliest date provided by law if approved by no more than the majority of members of Council, and in that event, the emergency provisions herein are set at naught.

Passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

Steve Aslaeh  
President of Council

ATTEST: Heidi Culbertson, pro-temp  
Clerk of Council

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026.

[Signature]  
Mayor

I, CAROLINE STEGMAN, CLERK OF COUNCIL, VILLAGE OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF OHIO, DO HEREBY testify that the publication of Ordinance No. 31, 2026, was made by posting true copies of the same in the most public places designated by Council: the Village website and the Village social media account, for a period of fifteen (15) days or more commencing July 10, 2026.

ATTEST: Heidi Culbertson, pro-temp DATE 6-25-26  
Clerk of Council

Approved as to form James E. Susskind Date 6-25-26  
Director of Law