#### ORDINANCE #4 OF 2022

## AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 83 ENTITLED "BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG

# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

## ITEM ONE:

That §83-3 "Failure to comply; work by City; costs" be amended to read as follows:

§ 83-3. Failure to comply; work by City; costs.

If the provisions of the foregoing sections are not complied with, the Code Enforcement Office shall serve written notice, upon the owner, lessee or occupant or any person having the care or control of any such lot or land to comply with the provisions of this chapter. If the person upon whom the notice is served fails, neglects or refuses to cut and remove or to cause to be cut and removed such weeds, grass or other vegetation within five business days from the date of mailing of such notice, the Director of Public Works shall cause such weeds, grass and other vegetation on such land or lands to be cut and may be removed by City staff or private contractor. The Director of Public Works will determine, through his/her inspection and if necessary, records from the appropriate agencies, whether a property can be safely entered and the work safely performed, either by City staff or private contractor. The actual cost of such cutting and removal, plus a \$100 civil penalty for the first violation, \$200 for the second violation and \$400 for all subsequent violations (in the same calendar year) and a 10% inspection fee (based upon the sum of actual costs and civil penalty not to exceed \$50), shall be certified by the Director of Public Works to the City Comptroller and shall thereupon become and be a lien upon the property on which such weeds, grass and other vegetation were located and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon such lot or land and shall bear interest at the same rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer in the same manner as taxes.

### ITEM TWO:

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after publication of notice, which shall give the title and describe same in summary form.