

**ORDINANCE NO. 696**

*(Amending Municipal Code of Ordinances Chapter 156, § 156.37,  
Lot Maintenance Requirements)*

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARKER, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF PARKER MUNICIPAL CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 156, AT SECTION 156.37 (D), LOT MAINTENANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Parker has reviewed the lot maintenance requirements of the Parker Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that amendments to the Code of Ordinances regarding lot maintenance are in the best interest of the city;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PARKER, COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS. CHAPTER 156, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS, AT SECTION 156.37 (D): LOT MAINTENANCE** of the City of Parker Municipal Code of Ordinances is amended, and shall hereafter read as follows:

**“(D) Lot maintenance.** In all districts, lots shall be maintained in such a manner as to be free and clear of debris. The following provisions relate only to the height of grass and weeds:

- (1) On tracts of land, whether platted or described by metes and bounds, grass and weeds are not permitted to grow to a height in excess of 12 inches unless the vegetation is for agricultural operations and may then exceed 12 inches.
- (2) Agricultural operations include the following activities:
  - a. Cultivating the soil (tilling soil in order to better prepare it for planting);
  - b. Producing crops for human food, animal feed, planting seed, or fiber;
  - c. Floriculture (cultivation and management of ornamental and flowering plants)
  - d. Viticulture (the cultivation or culture of grapes especially for wine making)
  - e. Horticulture (growing fruits, vegetables, flowers, or ornamental plants – wildflowers may exceed 12 inches

- when growing, but shall be mowed to a maximum height of 12 inches after seeding);
- f. Silviculture (dealing with the development and care of forests);
  - g. Current wildlife management;
  - h. Current raising or keeping livestock or poultry.

Regularly cultivated crops shall not be allowed to grow within the public road right-of-way of any public street or easement but shall be kept mowed. It shall be the duty of any person owning, claiming, occupying, or having supervision or control of any real property to cut and remove all weeds, brush, or other objectionable or unsightly matter as often as may be necessary; provided that the removing and cutting same at least once in every 30 days shall be deemed a compliance with this chapter; and to use every precaution to prevent the same growing on the premises to become a nuisance."

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole.

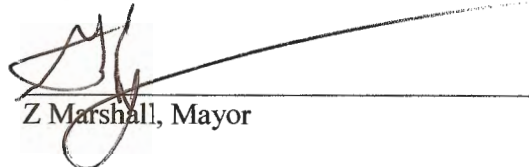
**SECTION 3. REPEALER CLAUSE.** All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Parker in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Parker not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so ordained.

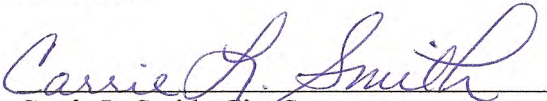
21<sup>st</sup> **DULY PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Parker, Collin County, Texas, on the day of May, 2013.



APPROVED:

  
Z Marshall, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Carrie L. Smith, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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James E. Shepherd, City Attorney