

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-18  
INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING DISPOSAL OF LITTER, TRASH, RUBBISH, AND  
WASTE, EXTERNAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND THE MANNER IN WHICH  
NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, OHIO AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Jacksonville is responsible for preserving the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous properties are neglected throughout the Village, often as the result of the failure to maintain the exterior of property by either the owner or the lessees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has found that current ordinances are not sufficient to allow Village officials to respond to this growing problem;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Jacksonville has set policy and rules for litter, trash, rubbish, waste, and maintenance of exterior properties as contained herein;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1: Exterior Property Maintenance Requirements:**

All exterior property areas and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. No owner or lessee of any premises shall maintain or permit to be maintained at or on the exterior property areas of such premises any condition which deteriorates or debases the appearance of the neighborhood, adversely alters the appearance and general character of the neighborhood, creates a fire, safety, or health hazard, or is a public nuisance, including, but not limited to:

- a. Broken or dilapidated fences, walls, or other temporary or permanent structures;
- b. Out of use or unusable appliances, automobiles or automobile parts, including but not limited to engines and tires;
- c. Rugs, rags, or other materials hung on lines or in other places upon such premises, which materials are not being used for general household or housekeeping purposes;
- d. Broken, dilapidated, or unusable furniture; mattresses; or paints, miscellaneous coverings and/or any other material placed at or near the premises that contributes to neighborhood blight;
- e. Failure to comply with this section shall be punishable in accordance with this section. In the event that any person is found guilty of the violation of this Ordinance or any section thereof, they shall be deemed guilty of the following:
- f. If this is the offenders' first conviction, then said person shall be found guilty of a minor misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of \$0 to \$100.

- g. If this is the offenders' second conviction, then said offender shall be found guilty of a minor misdemeanor, and subject to a fine of \$100 to \$150.
- h. If this is the offenders' third or more conviction, then said offender shall be found guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, subject to up to thirty (30) days in a jail and up to a \$250 fine.

**SECTION 2: Notice Regarding Exterior Property Maintenance Requirements:**

Notice regarding said non-compliance shall:

- a. Be in writing;
- b. Include a description of the real estate sufficient for identification;
- c. Include a statement of the reason or reasons why it is being issued; and
- d. Include a correction order allowing a reasonable time for the repairs and improvements require to bring the dwelling unit or structure into compliance with the provisions of this code.

**SECTION 3.** That Ordinance 2022-25 is hereby repealed. All fines, penalties, fees and any other amounts owed or outstanding from prior exterior property maintenance requirement ordinances remain due and payable. This Ordinance does not vacate those. All persons, whether the owner, lessee, agent, tenant or other person or entity having charge or care of land in the village still owe existing amounts owed.

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village and its inhabitants and shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Duly enacted by under suspension of the rules this 30th day of March, 2023.

Passed on First Reading:

Approved:

Angela Stock  
Council President

[Signature]  
Mayor

**VILLAGE OF JACKSONVILLE**

**ATTEST/SEAL:**

By: [Signature]  
Mayor

Heather Rockwell  
Fiscal Officer

By: Angela Stock  
President of Council