RESOLUTION NO 7-1

WHEREAS, the County of Sangamon has previously approved and adopted the International Property Code, 2006 Edition with certain amendments as a Code of Sangamon County; and

WHEREAS, the International Property Code was amended by Sangamon County Ordinance to delete Section 302.4; and

WHEREAS, the unregulated growth of grass and weeds in residential areas of the County has become an issue of public health and safety.

WHEREAS, the County wishes to be able to control and prevent the overgrowth of grass and weeds to protect the public health, safety, comfort, and welfare of the County and its citizens

WHEREAS, the County of Sangamon believes in order to promote and safeguard the public health, safety, comfort, and welfare of the County and its citizens, Section 302.4 should be included in the Sangamon County Code to allow for the regulation of the growth of weeds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Sangamon County Board, in session this <u>/o**</u> day of <u>\[\lambda \text{UNE} \]</u>, 2014 approves the following changes to Chapter 15.05.140:

H. Section 302.4 Delete All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of twelve (12) inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers, ornamental grasses and gardens.

Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property.

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