

VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN ORDINANCES TO BE AWARE OF

ILLEGAL PARKING

No person shall stand or park whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading and unloading property or passengers:

(b) No bus, farm tractor, house trailer, junk vehicle, motor home, mini-motor home or van camper, road tractor, school bus, semi-trailer, tow truck, fifth wheel travel trailer, recreational trailer, utility trailer, boat trailer, dump truck, front loader or crane as those terms are or may be defined in the *Illinois Vehicle Code* (625 ILCS Sec. 5/1-100 et seq.), may be parked upon any portion of any public street, highway or alley within the village.

NUISANCES - ARTICLE 1 - WEEDS

Definition. As used in this Code, "Weeds" shall include but not be limited to the following:

Burdock, Ragweed (Giant), Ragweed (Common), Thistle, Cocklebur, Jimson, Blue Vervain, Common Milk Weed, Wild Carrot, Poison Ivy, Wild Mustard, Rough Pigweed, Lambsquarter, Wild Lettuce, Curled Dock, Smartweeds (all varieties), Poison Hemlock, Wild Hemp and Johnson Grass and all other noxious weeds as defined by the statutes of the State of Illinois.

Height. It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit any weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding 8 inches anywhere in the Village. Any such plants or weeds exceeding such height are hereby declared a nuisance.

ARTICLE II - GENERALLY

Unightly Yard. It shall be unlawful to permit or maintain an unsightly yard or premises where there is an accumulation or deposit of any vehicle, equipment, junk, wrecked or disabled automobile, truck, material of any nature, waste or earth. (81-6; 08-05-81)

Unlicensed, Abandoned or Wrecked Vehicles.

A. It shall be unlawful to leave or possess on any lot in the Village any motorized vehicle, boat, camper or trailer without a current valid license issued the State of Illinois, for a period in excess of seven (7) days, unless such vehicle, boat, camper or trailer is enclosed within a garage or other building or within a solid fence at least six (6) feet in height.

B. It shall be unlawful to permit any abandoned, wrecked, or partially dismantled motorized vehicle, boat, tractor, camper, trailer, or major parts thereof to be kept or stored on public or private property for a period in excess of seven (7) days, unless such vehicle or trailer has been rendered temporarily incapable of being driven under its own power and ordinary repair or service operations are being performed on such vehicle or trailer, or unless such vehicle or trailer is enclosed within a garage or other building, or within a solid fence at least six (6) feet in height.

C. An abandoned vehicle, including boat, tractor or camper, shall include all motorized and other vehicles, including trailers, in a state of repair rendering such vehicle (including boat, tractor or camper) or trailer incapable of being driven in its existing condition; or any vehicle (including boat, tractor or camper) or trailer that does not have affixed thereto current registration plates or stickers and is apparently deserted. An abandoned vehicle may be removed immediately if determined to be a hazardous dilapidated motor vehicle under Section 11-40-3.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

Open Burning

Fire Pit includes below ground pits, freestanding fireplaces, and portable devices intended to contain and control outdoor fires. Such fire pit shall be no more than 48" in diameter. Portable fire pits, constructed of steel, brick, or masonry, shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and safety guidelines and must be placed upon a non-combustible surface.

Control of Open Burning. No person, firm, company, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity shall cause or knowingly permit to allow, on premises within the Village, owned, occupied or controlled by that person or entity, any open burning of garbage, leaves, trash, refuse, rubber, oil, paper, wood or other combustible material, or cause or so allow any such burning in a chamber not specifically designed for that purpose in accordance with regulations of this ordinance and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, except as authorized

by regulations or permits issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Furthermore, it shall be unlawful to burn anything upon any street surface, sidewalk, street curbing or alley of the Village. It shall also be a violation of this Article to deposit or cause to deposit trash, refuse, rubber, oil, paper, leaves, wood, or other combustible upon any street, surface, sidewalk, street curbing, or alley of the Village.

Recreational Burning. Exceptions to restrictions on open burning. Open burning within the Village shall be permitted under the following circumstances:

1. Outdoor burning in connection with the preparation of food.
2. Campfires and fires used solely for recreational purposes or ceremonial occasions so long as they are in allowable fire pits.
3. Fires set for the purposed of training public or private fire-fighting personnel.
4. Fires set or required by a public officer for the abatement of nuisances and which are necessary in carrying out public health functions.
5. The burning of garbage, leaves, trash, refuse, rubber, oil, paper, wood or other combustible material by Village officers or employees at the refuse yard owned by the Village.

Disturbing the Peace. No person shall disturb the good order of society, or the peace of any private family, or of any congregation within the Village by any noise or amusement, or by vulgar or profane language, or by any disorderly or immoral conduct.

Discharge of Firearms or Bow and Arrow. It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm, bow and arrow or air gun in the Village or so that the bullet, arrow, missile or projectile therefrom enters the Village without written permission from the Mayor, provided that this section shall not be construed to prohibit any office of the law to discharge a firearm in the performance of his duty; nor to any citizen to discharge a firearm when lawfully defending his or her personal property.

Loud & Unnecessary Noise. No person in the Village shall create any unreasonably loud or unnecessary noise and disturb the peace and quiet of the Village or of any residents thereof by:

- A.** Sounding of any horn, whistle, siren, or other signaling device, except where necessary to warn of the danger of an approaching vehicle;
- B.** Playing of radio, loud speaker, public address system, or other electronic device in a loud and unnecessary manner;
- C.** Keeping any animal or bird which by frequent and long continued noise disturbs the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity;
- D.** Unnecessary banging, pounding, clanging, clattering, or other loud noises not necessary in the performing of useful work.

ANIMALS - ARTICLE 1 - GENERALLY

Dogs & Cats At Large. No person shall permit any dog or cat to be at large in the Village of Germantown at any time. Dogs and cats are at large when the animal is in any public street, alley, park or other public grounds, or when off the premises of the owner or person who has custody of said dog or cat, and not constrained by a leash or under the immediate control of the owner or the person who has custody of said dog or cat. Within one hour after a dog or cat escapes from either the owner or the person having custody of the animal, the owner or custodian of the animal shall report the escape of said animal to the Village of Germantown Police Department.

ARTICLE 3 - BARKING DOGS

Harboring Barking Dogs. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep or harbor any dog or dogs which habitually bark, howl, or yelp to the great disturbance of the peace and quiet of the neighborhood, or in such manner as to materially disturb or annoy persons in the neighborhood who are of ordinary sensibilities. Such dogs are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS:

306 Prairie Street • PO Box 310 • Germantown, IL 62245

(618) 523-4243

Utility Bills

Utility bills include water, sewer and trash services. Meters are read around the 1st of the month with the bills going out by the 3rd or 4th. Bills are due on the 15th of each month. Ask us about auto-pay. The Village can set up regular, recurring transfers from your bank account to your utility bill on the due date every month.

Trash Service - Service Day is Friday

All trash must be bagged and contained in your Republic Services cart, with lid closed. Additional trash carts may be rented for \$1.99/mo. For occasional trash overage, residents may purchase a Republic Services orange bag for \$1/bag at the Village Hall. One Bulk Item may be set out weekly, free of charge, **BUT** it must be called into customer service at (618) 656-6883.

Dumpster

There is a large roll-off dumpster behind the Village Hall for large item disposal. The Dumpster is to be used by our residential customers only disposing of occasional large items. Large construction or remodel jobs, please contract a dumpster for your project. The dumpster is available during business hours only. **NO appliances, car parts, tires, paint, or contaminable materials are allowed.**

Debris Yard

The Debris Yard is located on the south side of Hwy. 161 off Hanover Street. The yard is open to our incorporated Village residents. Allowable items include grass clippings, tree limbs, leaves, and general yard debris. NO plastic, paper, bags, or trash allowed. The Village has a camera system installed to monitor the Debris Yard at all times. Please be courteous and follow the signs indicating what waste goes where.

Recycle Service

Recycle carts are serviced every other Friday. Please ask for a recycle calendar. All recycling (paper, cardboard, plastics, aluminum, steel and glass) must be contained loose in your Republic Services cart. Please rinse items containing food.

Electronic Waste

Electronic Waste is not included in our residential trash service. Electronics and televisions can be brought to Centralia Recycling Center (618) 532-3132, 1758 W McCord St, Centralia, IL 62801 or CJDecycling (618) 659-9006, 5257 N. St. Rt. 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025. Both will accept TV's for a small fee.

VILLAGE HALL OFFICE HOURS

Village Clerk's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(618) 523-4243

Fax: (618) 523-4273

Public Works Department

Monday through Friday

7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(618) 523-4291

Fax: (618) 523-4273

Police Department

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

Shifts rotate so please call

(618) 523-4226 to contact an officer.

If no one is in the office the call forwards to the Clinton County Sheriff's Office and they will contact an officer for you.

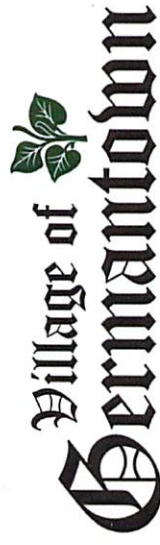
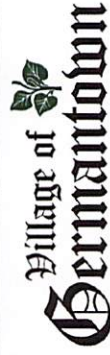
G-NEWS

G-News is the best way to keep on top of what's happening in town. Please give us your email address to get the latest news!

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

Please send your home phone number, cellphone numbers and email address to the Village Hall at (618) 523-4243 or via email at dawn@germantownil.net.

We periodically send out informational emails and soon, phone messages.



Welcome to the Village of Germantown!

NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION

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