

SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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WHEREAS, the Village of Chatham, Sangamon County, State of Illinois, is a duly organized and existing Village created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Chatham (hereinafter, the "Village"), is an Illinois municipal corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Village has determined it reasonable and necessary to establish certain procedures in regard to its branch pick-up and removal policy to effectively remove branches throughout the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village believe it is in the best interest of the Village to conduct branch removal on the first Monday of every month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, County of Sangamon, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Amendment to Village Code - Branch Pick-Up and Removal Policy. The Village Code is hereby amended by adding Section 53.65 as follows:

§ 53.65 BRANCH PICK-UP AND REMOVAL POLICY

(A) The Village shall provide a monthly branch pick-up and removal service to Village property owners. The following criteria must be met for a Village property owner to qualify for this service:

- (1) All qualifying branches shall be generated from the

property where the brush is placed for collection. Importing of brush from anywhere other than the property from which the brush is placed is prohibited. Brush for pick-up must also be placed by the resident and not the remains from a professional tree or landscape service.

(2) All branches shall be placed curbside in front of the residence parallel to the curb on or before 7:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month. Once the Village has cleared an area, it will not return that area until the next month's scheduled pick-up. Branches shall not be placed for pick-up before 7:00 a.m. on the Thursday before pick-up is to occur. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday recognized by the Village, then branch pick-up will occur on the following Tuesday.

(3) Branches shall be no more than 6 inches in diameter and no more than 6 feet in length.

(4) Branch piles shall be no more than 12 feet long by three feet deep by four feet tall (12' x 3' x 4').

(5) No whole trees will be removed by the Village for any reason regardless of size and shall not be placed with branches for pick-up.

(6) No building materials, fence posts, wire, rocks, plastic tubing, weeds, garden vegetation, or other foreign material shall be placed with branches for pick-up.

(B) The property owner is responsible for proper disposal if any brush does not qualify for the pick-up service. Any deviation from the aforementioned criteria including brush placed on the parkway at times other than during the scheduled pick-up time will be considered a nuisance and subject to a fine in accordance with the Village Code.

(C) Residents will continue to have the option of hauling their branches to the brush pile located behind the Village Electric Shop at 9507 South Main during regular business hours.

(D) The Village may, in its sole discretion, remove branches causing a traffic hazard after significant storm damage or other emergency. The Village has no obligation to pick-up branches that fall on private property during a storm other than in accordance with the obligations imposed upon it by this Section.

Section 3. Severability. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds this ordinance or any provision hereof to be invalid or unenforceable as applied, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the application thereof to the greatest extent permitted by law.

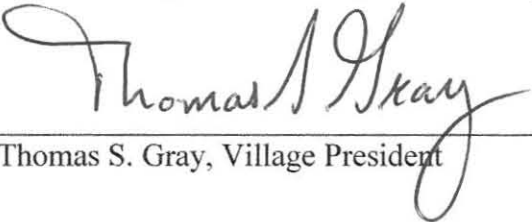
Section 4. Repeal and Savings Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions, or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Chatham prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effectiveness. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law and the penalty provisions therein shall be effective and commence on September 1, 2015.

PASSED this 1 day of SEP, 2015.

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT
KEN BOYLE, JR.	✓			
MARK CLAYTON	✓			
DAVID KIMSEY			✓	
NINA LINDHORST	✓			
MATT MAU	✓			
JOE SCHATTEMAN			✓	
THOMAS S. GRAY	NA			
TOTAL	4	0	2	0

APPROVED by the President of the Village of Chatham, Illinois this 1 day of SEP, 2015.


Thomas S. Gray, Village President

Attest:


Pat Schad, Village Clerk