

DUNEDIN FORECLOSURE TIMELINE

**SPRING
2015**

Spring 2015

Jim Ficken, a Dunedin, Fla. resident, is given a warning by the city that his grass is too tall. Jim makes sure the lawn is mowed.



Jim's lawn at typical length.

**MAY
2018**

May 18, 2018

Jim, now 69 years old, travels to South Carolina to prepare his late mother's condominium for sale.

**JUNE
2018**

June 29, 2018

Jim's 62-year old friend, who he expected to cut the lawn, passes away unexpectedly. Jim remains unaware of the death until he returns home.

**JULY
2018**

July 5, 2018

A Dunedin code enforcement official inspects Jim's yard. The city classifies him as a "repeat offender" and begins assessing \$500 in fines per day without notification.

July 19, 2018

Jim returns from South Carolina.

July 25, 2018

Jim attempts to use his old mower to cut the lawn, but it malfunctions before he can finish. The city continues to fine him.

**AUGUST
2018**

August 20, 2018

The city inspector happens to come by while Jim is outside. The inspector tells him to expect a "big bill from the city." Jim immediately drives to a local store, purchases a new mower, and cuts the lawn.

August 22, 2018

The city inspector confirms that Jim's lawn is in compliance. At this time, Jim was still not made aware that his total fines were already \$23,500. Subsequently, Jim was cited for an additional ten days for long grass in September while he was again in South Carolina.



Jim's lawn when it was at its maximum height.

**SEPTEMBER
2018**

September 12, 2018

Final Orders are entered regarding Jim's two separate code enforcement cases. The lawn was determined to be in compliance with city code, and the fines cease.

September 18, 2018

Liens are issued for both fines. The total for the two liens is \$29,833.50, and the interest is still accruing on both.

**MAY
2019**

May 7, 2019

The Dunedin code enforcement board moves to foreclose on Jim's home.