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## Dumb laws

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Laws are laws, and it's important that people abide by them. But sometimes laws can be dumb.

The municipal law in Burbank that requires Michael Scandiffio to cut down the big and long-lived hedge bordering his home in an affluent neighborhood is such a law.

The hedge is in trouble not because it poses a public danger. It's because 38 years ago the city leaders decided hedges taller than three feet didn't look good and because someone - maybe a grumpy neighbor - turned Scandiffio in.

Burbank, like every other city in the region, has serious problems with enforcement of housing, safety and building codes that imperil lives and property. It seems like the time and effort to police this particular hedge could be better used elsewhere.