

## NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Charter Township of White Lake:

Notice is hereby given that beginning July 1, 2023 the provisions of the White Lake Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Article IV - Property Maintenance Code, Section 8-89 will be enforced, requiring that all noxious weeds in excess of eight (8) inches in height growing on any land in the Charter Township of White Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed. Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants, vegetation, and noxious weeds as defined by MCL 247.62. The term "weeds" shall not include trees, shrubs, cultivated flowers and gardens, and this section shall not apply to vacant parcels of land greater than 1 acres, those lands under the control or ownership of the Township or any other governmental agency or public school system, and parcels of land subject to the Michigan Right to Farm Act, Public Act No. 93 of 1981.

Methods of treating, eradicating, and preventing noxious weeds from perpetuating or becoming a detriment to the public health include performing or contracting with a qualified contractor to perform mechanical (cutting), physical removal or treatment with legal, plant specific, herbicides of the entire plant structure, including roots.

If an owner or occupant fails to remove the noxious weeds within ten (10) days of the notice of violation, then any duly authorized employee of the Township or contractor hired by the Township shall be authorized to enter upon the property and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs (including a ten (10) percent administrative charge) of such removal shall be billed to and paid by the owner or occupant of the property. The bill shall include an account of the labor, material and service for which the expense was incurred and shall become a lien upon the property on which work has been done. Payment shall be due and payable to the Township within 30 days of the bill being served on the property owner or occupant. If payment is not received by the Township within 30 days after such billing, the Township Treasurer shall add an additional penalty of one percent per month to the delinquent bill. The Township Treasurer shall annually certify any delinquent billing, or any part thereof, together with all accrued interest and penalties, to the township board; and it shall be transferred and reassessed, with an additional 15 percent penalty, on the next annual Township tax roll. Such charges so assessed shall be collected in the same manner as general township taxes.

Please contact Ordinance Officer Jason Hudson at 248-698-3300 ext.134 if you have any questions.

Anthony L. Noble, White Lake Township Clerk

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