

Roscommon Township Ordinance #55
Noxious Weeds

Adopted June 6, 2000; Effective July 15, 2000

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CUTTING OF GRASS AND CUTTING DOWN AND DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSCOMMON AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY THERWITH.

The Township of Roscommon, County of Roscommon, ordains:

Section 1. Weeds Declared A Nuisance. Any noxious weeds in excess of twelve (12) inches in height found growing on any lot or tract of land in the Township of Roscommon which is zoned R1, R2, R3, C1 or C2 are hereby declared to be a nuisance, and it shall be unlawful to permit any such weeds to remain in any such place. This section shall not be applicable to plants which are planted for landscaping purposes.

Section 2. Grass. It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit grass to grow to a height exceeding twelve (12) inches on any lot or tract of land in the Township of Roscommon which is zoned R1, R2, R3, C1 or C2. Grass exceeding such height is hereby declared to be a nuisance. This section shall not be applicable to ornamental grasses which are planted for landscaping purposes.

Section 3. Abatement. It shall be the duty of each owner, possessor or occupier of land and every person having charge of any land within the Township of Roscommon which is zoned R1, R2, R3, C1 or C2 to cut all grass and noxious weeds exceeding such height on or before May 30 of each year and as often thereafter as necessary.

If grass and weeds are not cut as required by this Ordinance, the duty authorized contractor engaged by the Township may enter upon the land and cause all such weeds and grass to be cut.

Section 4. Expenses. All expenses of such cutting including any and all costs incurred in the removal or relocation of debris, junk or other miscellaneous obstructions which would be necessary or convenient to carry out the requirements of this Ordinance shall be paid by the owner of such land plus an administrative charge of \$100.00 per residential parcel and \$200.00 per commercial parcel, per cutting.

Section 5. Notice. The Township shall publish at least once per year a public notice in the Houghton Lake Resorter in the following form:

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWNSHIP OF ROSCOMMON
NOTICE TO CUT ALL GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS

It shall be the duty of each owner, possessor or occupier of land, and every person having charge of any land within the Township of Roscommon which is zoned R1, R2, R3, C1 or C2 to cut all grass and noxious weeds exceeding twelve (12) inches in height on or before May 30 of each year and as often thereafter as necessary.

If grass and weeds are not cut as required, the duly authorized contractor engaged by the Township may enter upon the land and cause all such grass and weeds to be cut down. All expenses of such cutting, including any and all costs incurred in the removal or relocation of debris, junk or other miscellaneous obstructions which would be necessary or convenient to carrying out the requirements shall be paid by the owner of such land.

This notice shall not be applicable to ornamental grasses and plants which are planted for landscaping purposed.

Section 6. Lien. Charges for grass and weed cutting by the Township contractor shall be a lien upon the property. whenever a bill for such charges remains unpaid for sixty (60) days after it has been rendered, the official or official in charge of the collection thereof shall, prior to August 1 of each year, certify to the Township Assessor the facts of such delinquency, whereupon the Township Assessor shall enter such delinquent charges against such premises and the same shall be collected and the lien thereof enforced in the same manner as general Township taxes against such premises are collected and the lien thereof enforced.

Notice of such lien claim shall be mailed to the owner of the premises on the Township tax roll at the last known address, provided, however, that failure of the Township to record such lien claim or mail such Notice, or the failure of the owner to receive such Notice shall not affect the right to foreclose therein for such charges.

Section 7. Effective Date This Ordinance shall become effective on July 15, 2000