

TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP

TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

NOXIOUS WEED AND UNCONTROLLED PLANT GROWTH ORDINANCE

To: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF TUSCOLA TOWNSHIP AND TO ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The following is a summary of Ordinance No. 2020-1, adopted by the Tuscola Township Board at its meeting on February 18, 2020, said ordinance to take effect thirty days following the date of this publication.

SECTION I TITLE. The title of the ordinance is the Tuscola Township Noxious Weed Ordinance.

SECTION II DEFINITIONS. This section defines the terms "noxious weeds"; "uncontrolled plant growth"; "owner" and "occupant" as utilized in the Ordinance.

SECTION III DUTY TO DESTROY/CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS AND UNCONTROLLED PLANT GROWTH. Sets forth the regulations requiring an owner and/or occupant to destroy noxious weeds before they are of a seed bearing stage, or prior to their growth to 8" in height, whichever occurs first, and prevent regrowth, except in fields devoted to growing small grains or vegetables and certain landscaping, in specified residential and platted areas.

SECTION IV PUBLIC NUISANCE. Deems growth of noxious weeds and uncontrolled plant growth in violation of the Ordinance a public nuisance.

SECTION V ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND REMEDIAL ACTIONS TO ENFORCE ORDINANCE. Provides notice procedures and requirements; permits Township entry onto property for weed cutting under certain circumstances; provides for adding the costs of cutting if effectuated by the Township to the tax bill.

SECTION VI VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT. Specifies that any person or entity, including occupant, owner, licensee, agent, contractor, servant, employee, or otherwise, are responsible for violations of the Ordinance; allows for a judgement, writ, or order to compel compliance with the Ordinance; sets forth municipal civil infraction penalties and a fine schedule for violation of the Ordinance; makes the Commissioner of Noxious Weeds or another individual appointed by the Township is the

enforcement official for the Township; makes these sanctions in addition to other rights of the Township specified in the ordinance.

SECTION VII SEVERABILITY. The provisions of the Ordinance are severable.

SECTION VIII REPEAL. Conflicting Ordinances are repealed.

SECTION IX EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication following adoption.

Please take further notice that a full copy of the Ordinance can be examined or obtained by contacting the Township Clerk at the address and telephone number provided below.

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