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Town of Grafton Ordinance No. 2011-5

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 6 CHAPTER 1 (NOXIOUS WEEDS)
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TOWN OF GRAFTON, WISCONSIN**

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Grafton that the Municipal Code of the Town of Grafton be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing before the Town Board was duly published in the *Ozaukee Press* on May 26, 2011 and June 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held before the Town Board on June 8, 2011 regarding the proposed Amendments to the Town's Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, based on the above, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town of Grafton that the Municipal Code of the Town of Grafton be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Grafton does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 6.1.5 of the Town of Grafton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as provided below by adding the underlined language and deleting the language struck out:

6.1.5 Destruction of Noxious Weeds.

6.1.5.01 Notice

The Town Clerk shall annually on or before May 15th publish as required by state law a notice that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Town which he owns, occupies or controls. Furthermore, every person, corporation or organization shall destroy all noxious weeds out to the center of any federal, state, county, or town highway within the Town which is adjacent to any lands they own, occupy or control. A joint notice with other towns or municipalities may be utilized.


6.1.5.02 Procedure on Non-Compliance

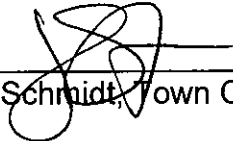
If the owner or occupant shall neglect to destroy any weeds as required by such notice, then the Weed Commissioner of the Town shall give five (5) days' written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the weeds shall be growing to the effect that the said Weed Commissioner after the expiration of the five (5) day period will proceed to destroy or cause to be destroyed all such weeds growing upon said lands and that the cost thereof will be assessed as a tax upon the lands upon which such weeds are located under the provisions of Sec. 66.0407 of the Wisconsin Statutes. In case the owner or occupant shall further neglect to comply within such five (5) day notice, then the Weed Commissioner shall destroy such weeds or cause them to be destroyed in the manner deemed to be the most economical method and the expense thereof, including the cost of billing and other necessary administrative expenses, shall be charged against such lots and be collected as a special tax thereon.

6.1.5.03 Noxious Weeds

- (A) As provided for in Sec. 66.0407(1), Wis. Stats., the Town shall require that all noxious weeds shall be destroyed prior to the time in which such plants would mature to the bloom or flower state.
 - (B) The growth of noxious weeds in excess of eight (8) inches in height from the ground surface shall be prohibited within the Town corporate limits.
 - (C) Noxious weeds, as defined in this Section shall include the following:
 - (1) *Cirsium Arvense* (Canada Thistle)
 - (2) *Euphorbia esula* (Leafy Spurge)
 - (3) *Convolvulus arvensis* (Creeping Jenny) (Field Bind Weed)
 - (4) *Cirsium vulgaries* (Bull Thistle)
 - (5) *Lythrum Salicaria* (Purple Loosestrife)
 - (6) *Alliaria Petiolata* (Garlic Mustard)
 - (7) *Rosa Multiflora* (Multiflora Rose)
- State Law Reference: Sec. 66.0407, Wis. Stats.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Grafton, Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, at its regularly scheduled meeting on this 8th day of June, 2011


Lester A. Bartel, Jr., Town Chairman


Jessica C. Schmidt, Town Clerk

Posting Date: 6/10/11, 2011