

## **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD**

### **NOTICE OF OWNER DUTIES AND TOWNSHIP RIGHTS REGARDING NOXIOUS WEEDS AND UNCONTROLLED GROWTH OF WEEDS AND GRASSES**

As provided in Article V of Chapter 9 in the Waterford Charter Township Code, and Public Act No. 359 of 1941, as amended, it is the duty of every owner of property in the Township to:

1. Destroy all noxious weeds by May 1, 2015, and before they reach a seed-bearing stage, and to prevent their re-growth throughout the growing season on any owned property in the Township; and,
2. Prevent the uncontrolled growth of weeds and grasses, meaning a height greater than 10 inches between May 15, 2015, and October 15, 2015, on: (a) Subdivided land on which buildings have been erected on at least 60 % of the lots within the boundaries of the subdivision, and (b) Zoning lots along improved streets in common usage, to a depth of 165 feet or the depth of the zoning lot, whichever is less.

As provided in Section 9-185 of the Waterford Charter Township Code, the Township is empowered to enter upon a property as many times as necessary:

1. To cut and eliminate the re-growth of noxious weeds during the growing season to protect the public health, safety and welfare if the owner has failed to do so; and,
2. To cut and eliminate the uncontrolled growth of weeds and grasses if the owner fails to do so within 7 calendar days of the date of a Township mailed warning notice, or any time thereafter, that such failure will empower the Township to enter upon the property to cut and eliminate the uncontrolled growth.

All costs incurred by the Township in cutting and eliminating noxious weeds and uncontrolled growth of weeds and grasses, including an administrative fee established by Resolution of the Township Board, shall be paid by the property owner and the Township shall have a lien against the land for such expense which may be enforced in the manner provided by law for enforcement of tax liens or construction liens as provided in Chapter 1 of the Waterford Charter Township Code.

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 physical removal or treatment with legal, plant specific, herbicides of the entire plant structure, including roots.

Sue Camilleri, Township Clerk