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**WEED CONTROL  
CITY OF GREENVILLE, MICHIGAN  
Ord. no. 124 eft. March 20, 1985**



An Ordinance to regulate the growth and existence of weeds.

**THE CITY OF GREENVILLE ORDAINS:**

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**Prohibition; penalty.**

Sec. I. It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or tenant of any lands within the City of Greenville to which this Ordinance applies to permit the presence of tall grass and/or weeds contrary to the terms of this Ordinance. Any person in violation of this Ordinance may be ticketed and shall be liable for a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Each and every violation of the provisions of this Ordinance or any clause, phrase or regulation thereof, shall be a separate violation. Therefore, any person in violation of the ordinance may be ticketed separately for each day of the violation. If tickets are not paid and/or violation of the ordinance continues for a period often (10) days, the City may prosecute the person responsible for the upkeep of the property. Upon conviction of a violation of this Ordinance, the person so convicted shall be liable for an additional fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and for imprisonment in the Montcalm County Jail for not more than thirty (30) days.

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**Options of city.**

Sec. II. The City of Greenville has the option of prosecuting the persons responsible for the upkeep of the property under this Ordinance and also has the option or choice of prosecuting said responsible person and for removing offending weeds and tall grass from the property. It shall be the responsibility of the Director of Public Safety or his designee to determine whether it would be in the best interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Greenville if offending weeds or tall grass were removed from a certain premises. Should such determination be made, then the independent contractor of the City or agents of the City may enter upon the offending grass. Charges for such cutting shall be a lien upon said premises. On April 1st of each year following any cutting, the City Director of Public Safety shall certify in writing any charges which have been delinquent for such cutting for four (4) months or more, said certification to be made to the City Treasurer. The Treasurer shall thereafter immediately enter the amount of delinquency for cutting charges upon the next tax roll, said charges to be against the premises where the weeds or tall grass was cut and such charges shall be collected and shall be a lien enforced in the same manner against the real estate as is provided in respect to real property taxes assessed upon such premises and stated in the City tax roll.

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**Weeds or tall grass defined.**

Sec. III. Weeds or tall grass are defined as vegetation, excluding trees and shrubs, growing eight (8) inches or more from the ground. Weeds or tall grass does not include vegetables or flowers which are grown and cared for by the owner or person in possession of the premises.

(Ord. no. 124 eff. Mar. 20, 1985; ord. no. 124-A eff. Aug. 15, 1997)

**35.354****Land categories where weeds or tall grass prohibited.**

Sec. IV. It shall be unlawful for an owner or occupant of any premises to suffer or permit to grow weeds or tall grass on land within the City of Greenville which land falls into any one of the following categories:

- a. Where weeds or tall grass are within twenty-five (25) feet of the edge of a traveled roadway at or near an intersection;
- b. Where weeds or tall grass are within twenty-five (25) feet of an occupied or unoccupied dwelling house within the city limits; and
- c. Is vacant and where seventy-five percent (75%) of said lots or lands located within one hundred (100) feet of the offending premises are occupied for residential use within the City of Greenville. The 100-foot standard mentioned herein is from any boundary of the offending vacant lot or land.  
(Ord. no. 124 eff. Mar. 20, 1985)

**35.355****Board of weed appeals.**

Sec. V. The Mayor, with Council confirmation, shall appoint a Board of Weed Appeals consisting of three (3) residents who shall hear appeals of violation notices issued by the enforcing agency. The Board of Weed Appeals shall have the power to grant weed variances permitting weeds in otherwise illegal places when either of the following circumstances exist:

- a. Weeds in question are aesthetically pleasing, cared for or cultivated; and
- b. Where the topography or other natural features of the land in question do not permit reasonable removal or control of the weeds or tall grass.  
(Ord. no. 124 eff. Mar. 20, 1985)

**35.356****Notice of violation.**

Sec. VI. Before any cutting of weeds is done by the city or its agent, or before any ticket is issued, or before any prosecution is commenced hereunder, the City may give notice of violation to the owner or occupant of the offending property and give said owner or occupant five (5) days following said violation notice to comply with this Ordinance. The notice to the offending property may be addressed to any tenant in possession of said property and appears on the tax assessment rolls on hand in the office of the Greenville City Assessor.  
(Ord. no. 124 eff. Mar. 20, 1985; ord. no. 124-A eff. Aug. 15, 1997)

**35.357****Effective date.**

Sec. VII. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication and fifteen (15) days after adoption. (Ord. no. 124 eff. Mar. 20, 1985)

Adopted: March 5, 1985