

MAIN TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2014

GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION

IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Main Township, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. NAME AND CITATION

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Township of Main Grass and Vegetation Control Ordinance."

SECTION 2. GRASS, WEEDS AND CERTAIN OTHER VEGETATION UNLAWFUL AND A NUISANCE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

No person owning or occupying any property which is located within the Township of Main in districts which are zoned as Residential, Rural Residential or Village Center pursuant to the Zoning Map and Ordinance of Main Township, as the same may be amended from time to time, shall permit any grass or weeds or an vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of ten (10) inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any such premises in the Township in violation of any of the provisions of the Ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of those sections of the Township. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Ordinance shall not apply to any property located within the Village Center Zoning district which is utilized for agricultural purposes.

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMOVING OR TRIMMING VEGETATION

The owner of any premises which is subject to this Ordinance, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises which exists in violation of any provisions of Section 1.

SECTION 4. NOTICE TO REMOVE OR TRIM; WORK BY TOWNSHIP

The Township Zoning Officer/ Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by United States Mail, to the owner or occupancy, as the case may be, of any premises whereon grass, weeds or other vegetation is growing or remaining in violation of any provision of this Ordinance, directing and requiring that the owner or occupant remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, so as to conform to the requirements of this Section, within seventy two (72) hours after issuance of the notice. In case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with

such notice, within the period of time stated therein, the Township authorities may remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, and the expenses of the work, together with any additional penalty authorized by the law, may be collected by the Township from such person, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

In addition to the right given to the Township to collect the cost of abatement of the nuisance, any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$300 nor more than \$1,000.00 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Section continues to exist shall be considered a separate and distinct offense. Enforcement shall be by action brought before a District Justice in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of summary offenses.

SECTION 6. REPEALS

This Ordinance hereby repeals all Township ordinances or regulations inconsistent herewith. Nothing in this Ordinance hereby adopted shall be construed to attest any suit or proceeding now pending in any court or any rights accrued or liability incurred or any cause of action accrued or existing under any ordinance repealed by the current ordinance.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

AND NOW, this Ordinance is adopted this 2nd day of June, 2014.

MAIN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:



ROBERT FREY, SUPERVISOR



THOMAS SHUMAN, SUPERVISOR



LARRY RHOADS, SUPERVISOR