

**AKRON TOWNSHIP  
NOXIOUS VEGETATION  
ORDINANCE 2018-2**

THE TOWNSHIP OF AKRON, TUSCOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**Section 1: Title**

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Akron Township Noxious Vegetation Ordinance.

**Section 2 Definitions**

Noxious vegetation shall be defined as grasses, weeds, brush, underbrush, or similar type of vegetation to a height of more than eight inches or the accumulation of dead grasses, weeds, brush, underbrush, or other similar type vegetation to a height of more than eight inches, so as to create an unsightly, unhealthy or unsafe condition or fire hazard or any other plant that in the opinion of the Township Board, coming under the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act, Public Act 359 of 1941 as amended (MCL 247.61, et seq ), is regarded as a public nuisance.

**Section 3: Regulations**

A. It shall be the duty of owners of land upon which vegetation , as defined in this ordinance, are growing either:

1. Within platted subdivisions in which buildings have been erected upon 50% or more of the lots, or
2. On parcels of land along improved streets or roads in common usage within the Township, to a depth of one hundred sixty-five feet (165) or the depth of the ownership, whichever is the lesser,

To destroy said vegetation before they reach a seed-bearing stage or eight inches in height, and to prevent said vegetation from perpetuating themselves and from becoming a detriment to public health.

B. Nothing in this ordinance shall apply to vegetation associated with standard agricultural practices.

#### **Section 4: Saving Clause**

The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of the Ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

#### **Section 5: Penalty**

Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to the imposition of the foregoing penalties, the Township Zoning Administrator, or other officer as the Township Board may designate, may cause any vegetation that may violate the provisions of this Ordinance be removed and the owner billed for the cost of removal. Each days failure of compliance shall constitute a separate offense.

#### **Section 6: Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication as required by law.

#### **Clerk's Certification**

I hereby certify this Ordinance was adopted by the Akron Township Board at a regular meeting held on June 21, 2018, and that the vote was as follows:

FOR: Steve Linzner, Don Schmuck, Deana Jacoby, Jamie Schuette and Kathryn Sattelberg

AGAINST: None

I further certify this Ordinance was published in the Tuscola County Advertiser On June 30, 2018

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Jamie Schuette  
Akron Township Clerk