

VILLAGE OF MATTAWAN
GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE
Ordinance 151

An Ordinance regulating and controlling the growth of weeds and other poisonous or harmful vegetation in the Village of Mattawan, providing for the removal thereof, and assessing costs therefore.

The Village of Mattawan, Van Buren County, Michigan, Ordains:

SECTION 1 DEFINITION

In the interpretation of this Ordinance the term "noxious and poisonous weeds" shall include, but not be limited to, Canada thistles, milkweed, wild carrots, ox-eye daisies, ragweed, goldenrod, burdock and poison ivy and various types of grasses.

SECTION 2 DUTY TO CUT

It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor or occupier of land within the Village of Mattawan, (agricultural land excluded) or of every person having charge of any such lands, to cut down or use herbicides that are safe to surrounding properties, on all noxious weeds and poisonous weeds growing thereon any time as such weeds and grasses exceed six (6) inches in height, and as often as necessary to prevent them from going to seed.

In order to effectively enforce and control the elimination of noxious weeds and grasses, all noxious weeds, poisonous weeds, and grasses which are of a height of six (6) inches or more growing or lying upon any property in the Village of Mattawan are hereby declared a public nuisance.

SECTION 3 PENALTY

Any owner, possessor or occupier of land within said Village of Mattawan, or any person having charge of such lands who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of any notice herein provided or who shall resist or obstruct the Director of Public Works or his duly authorized agents in the cutting and removal of weeds, grass and other vegetation shall be guilty of a civil infraction and subject to a penalty as defined in the Village of Mattawan Civil Infraction Ordinance No. 146. Each day on which such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 4 FAILURE TO COMPLY

Should any owner, possessor, occupier or any person having charge of such lands, fail to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance within 10 days, it shall be the duty of the Director of Public Works to cut all of said noxious and poisonous weeds on said land and shall keep an account of the expenses incurred in so doing with respect to each parcel of land entered therefor. The expense incurred by the Village in the cutting, will be levied and collected against such property in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5 SEVERABILITY

The provisions of the Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any clause, sentence, paragraph section or subsection is declared void or in operable for any reason it shall not affect any other part or portion hereof.

SECTION 6 REPEAL CLAUSE

Ordinance No. 55 and all other ordinances of the Village of Mattawan inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication.