

**NOTICE TO ALL OWNERS, AGENTS OR OCCUPANTS OF LAND IN THE
TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE**

Notice is hereby given that beginning May 1, 2017 the provisions of the White Lake Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Article IV – Property Maintenance Code, Section 8-89 will be enforced.

Section, 8-89 (d) provides in relevant part:

(1) All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of eight inches. Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants, vegetation and noxious weeds as defined by MCL 247.62. The term "weeds" shall not include trees, shrubs, cultivated flowers and gardens, and this section shall not apply to vacant parcels of land greater than 2.5 acres, those lands under the control or ownership of the township or any other governmental agency or public school system, and parcels of land subject to the Michigan Right to Farm Act, Public Act No. 93 of 1981.

(2) If the township ordinance enforcement officer or his designated representative determines that property has not been maintained as required under this section, then the owner or agent responsible for the property shall receive a notice of violation. Such notice shall be in writing, include a description of the property sufficient for identification, include a statement of the violation or violations and why the notice is being issued, include a correction order allowing ten days to cut or destroy the weeds after service of notice of violation, inform the property owner or agent of the right to appeal, include a statement of the township's right to maintain the property and right to file a lien for the costs of such maintenance in accordance with section 106.3. Upon failure of the owner or agent having charge of the property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, the owner or agent shall be subject to penalties in accordance with section 106 and as prescribed by this article.

(3) When an owner or agent fails to bring the property into compliance with this article within ten days of the notice of violation, then any duly authorized employee of the township or contractor hired by the township shall be authorized to enter upon the property and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs (including a ten percent administrative charge) of such removal shall be billed to and paid by the owner or agent responsible for the property. The bill shall include an account of the labor, material and service for which the expense was incurred and shall become a lien upon the property on which work has been done. Payment shall be due and payable to the township within 30 days of the bill being served on the property owner or agent. Such service shall be as provided in section 107. If payment is not received by the township within 30 days after such billing, the township treasurer shall add an additional penalty of one percent per month to the delinquent bill. The township treasurer shall annually certify any delinquent billing, or any part thereof, together with all accrued interest and penalties, to the township board; and, it shall be transferred and reassessed, with an additional 15 percent penalty, on the next annual township tax roll. Such charges so assessed shall be collected in the same manner as general township taxes.

Please contact **Ordinance Officer Jason Hudson at 248-698-3300 ext.134** if you have any questions.

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White Lake Township Clerk