

WEED ORDINANCE

LENAWEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

May 4, 1998

MEDINA TOWNSHIP
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The Township of Medina, Lenawee County, Michigan Ordains:

Section 1: Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Medina Township Weed Ordinance.

Section 2: Definitions

For the purpose of this ordinance, "weeds" shall include Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), dodders (any species of *Cuscuta*), mustards (charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard, species of *Brassica* or *Sinapsis*), wild carrot (*Daucus carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*), ragweed (*Ambrosia elatior* L.) and poison ivy (*Rhus toxicodendron*), and poison sumac (*Toxicodendron vernix*) and burdock.

Section 3: Regulations

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

- (1) Within platted subdivisions in which buildings have been erected upon sixty percent (60) or more of the lots thereof, or
- (2) On parcels of land along improved streets in common usage within the township, to a depth of three hundred (300) feet or the depth of the ownership, whichever ever is the lesser, to destroy said weed before they reach a seed-bearing stage, and to prevent said weeds from perpetuating themselves and from becoming a detriment to public health.

Nothing in this ordinance shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crops such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

Section 4: Penalties

Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100) and the cost of prosecution, or by being imprisoned in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, which fine, when collected, shall be paid to the supervisor of Medina Township and shall become a part of the "Noxious Weed Control Fund" of Medina Township. Each day that a violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. The foregoing penalty shall be in addition to the other rights of the township to proceed at law or equity with other appropriate and proper remedies.

Section 5: Validity

Should any section, clause, or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect on the thirty (30) days after publication 1998. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions are hereby repealed.

Adopted by a vote YES--+- NO~ of the Township Board this 4th day of May, 1998.

Royal Flint, Township Clerk

Charles Schaffner, Township Supervisor, attested