

Secs. 26-298—26-325. Reserved.

ARTICLE V. NOXIOUS WEEDS*

Sec. 26-326. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Noxious weeds includes Canada thistle, dodders, mustards, wild carrot, bindweed, perennial sow thistle, ragweed, milkweed, goldenrod, poison sumac or any other plant that, in the opinion of the township board, is regarded as a common nuisance.

(Ord. eff. 6-2-1970, § 24.001)

Cross reference—Definitions generally, § 1-2.

Sec. 26-327. Destruction required.

It shall be the duty of all owners or occupants of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing to destroy the weeds before they reach a seed-bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves, or to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to the public health.

(Ord. eff. 6-2-1970, § 24.002)

Sec. 26-328. Growth prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any lands within the township to permit any of the weeds or other plants mentioned in section 26-326 to grow upon any lands owned or occupied by him to a height exceeding six inches, and it shall be the duty of all such persons to cut down such weeds or plants when they reach a height of six inches.

(Ord. eff. 6-2-1970, § 24.003)

Sec. 26-329. Destruction by township.

If any owner, agent or occupant shall refuse or neglect to destroy noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, the township, through its employees or agents, may enter upon such lands and destroy or cause to be destroyed such noxious weeds; and any expenses incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner of such land; and the township shall have a lien against such lands for such expense, which lien shall be enforced in the manner provided by law for the enforcement of tax liens.

(Ord. eff. 6-2-1970, § 24.004)

***State law references**—Control of weeds in inland public lakes, MCL 41.418, MSA 5.2418; control and eradication of noxious weeds, MCL 247.61 et seq., MSA 9.631(1) et seq.

Sec. 26-330. Suit for recovery of costs authorized.

The township may, in addition to all the remedies provided by ordinance, bring suit against and recover from such owner or occupant, in an appropriate action of law, the full cost of cutting down or causing to be cut down any and all noxious weeds as the township may cut down or cause to be cut down under the provisions of this article.
(Ord. eff. 6-2-1970, § 24.005)

Sec. 26-331. Penalty for violation of article.

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this article shall be subject to the provisions of the municipal civil infractions ordinance, section 2-161 et seq.
(Ord. eff. 6-2-1970, § 24.006)