

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

ORDINANCE NO. 153

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7/14/23*

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION, REQUIRING THE REMOVAL, TRIMMING OR CUTTING THEREOF BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE SAME IS GROWING, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, OR BY THE TOWNSHIP AT THE EXPENSE OF SUCH OWNER OR OCCUPANT IN DEFAULT, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within the Township of Washington shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of twelve (12) inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Township of Washington in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Township.

SECTION 2: The Owner of any premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of the first section of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: The Board of Supervisors of Washington Township or any

officer or employee of the Township designated thereby for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by registered mail to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises whereon grass, weeds or other vegetation is growing or remaining in violation of the provisions of the first section of this Ordinance, directing and requiring such occupant to remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, so as to conform to the requirements of this Ordinance, within five (5) days after receipt of such notice. In case any person, firm or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice, within the period of time stated therein, the Township authorities may remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, and the cost thereof, together with any additional penalty authorized by the law, may be collected by the Township from such person, firm or corporation, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4: Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be liable upon conviction before any Alderman or Justice of the Peace, to pay a fine or penalty to the Township and for the use of the Township, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution, or in default of payment, be sentenced to imprisonment in the County Prison for a period not exceeding ten (10) days. Provided: Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5: Any ordinance or parts of any ordinance inconsistent

with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after the enactment hereof.

ENACTED and ORDAINED as an Ordinance of Washington Township this 18th day of April, 1969.

Earle R. Jennings
Chairman

Walter Santz

Paul Wagner
Board of Supervisors of
Washington Township

ATTEST:

Paul Wagner
Secretary