



NOTIFICATION OF CITY OF PORTAGE WEEDS AND GRASSES ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS

Property owners and/or occupants of land within the City of Portage are hereby notified about the requirements of Chapter 24, Section 24-114, Weeds and Grasses, of the City of Portage Code of Ordinances.

Section 24-114 defines "**noxious weeds**" as poison ivy, poison sumac or other poisonous or dangerous weeds at any height, **AND** other common weeds and grasses which are eight inches or greater in height.

Property owners and/or occupants must remove noxious weeds upon the following land areas:

- **In residential areas**, the front yard area between the front property line and the main building for developed properties (including land where a structure is under construction, or which has any improvement under an applicable permit, or a lot in a subdivision where buildings have been erected on 50% or more of the lots); **OR** thirty (30) feet from the front property line of any vacant lot or parcel; **AND**
- In all areas, between the curb or edge of pavement of the street and the front property line, **OR** a distance of ten (10) feet, from the curb or edge of pavement, whichever is greater, **AND**
- **In all areas**, seventy-five (75) feet from any abutting developed property.

If action by the property owner or occupant is not taken to remove noxious weeds (by cutting or other methods) beginning May 1, 2017, and continuing thereafter, the City of Portage is authorized to do so.

If noxious weeds reoccur, the City of Portage can take additional action as many times as is necessary to remove the noxious weeds. The owner of the property shall be charged with the cost incurred by the city, including a \$200 fee to cover inspections and other administration costs. The city shall have a lien upon the premises until such expense has been fully paid. For purposes of determining the ownership of property, the property owner identified on the most recent tax roll of the City of Portage is considered to be the owner of the property.

The Director of the Department of Community Development may, in addition to this notice, provide a written notice to the property owner, or give personal notice, to remove (by cutting or other methods) noxious weeds within no more than 10 calendar days. **Only one (1) notice by First Class Mail per calendar year need be sent by the city for any one (1) property address.**

The complete requirements of Chapter 24, Section 24-114, Weeds and Grasses, can be viewed at the City of Portage web site: www.portagemi.gov. For additional information, please contact the Department of Community Development at 269-329-4466.

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