

Chapter 52
BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Scott at time of adoption of Code; see Ch. 1, General Provisions, Art. I. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Open burning — See Ch. 59.

Property maintenance — See Ch. 104.

§ 52-1. Prohibited vegetation.

A. No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within the township 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 ten (10) inches, nor shall any noxious weeds prohibited by the Noxious Weed Control Law (3 P.S. § 255.8) or by regulations of the Department of Agriculture be permitted to grow within the township, including:

- (1) Marijuana.
- (2) Chicory, succory or blue daisy.
- (3) Canadian thistle.
- (4) Multiflora rose.
- (5) Johnson grass.

B. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the township 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.

§ 52-2. Owner responsible for removing, cutting or trimming.

The owner of any premises, or the occupant of premises occupied by other than the owner, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of § 56-1.

§ 52-3. Notice to remove, trim or cut; authority of township to remedy noncompliance.

The Board of Supervisors or any officer or employee of the township designated thereby for this purpose is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by United States 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 § 52-1, directing and requiring such occupant to remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation so as to conform to the requirements of this chapter within fifteen (15) days after issuance of such notice. Whenever in the judgment of the Code Enforcement Officer it shall appear to be impracticable to give notice as above provided, either because the owner or occupant cannot readily be found or because a search for the owner or occupant would entail unreasonable delay, the Board of Supervisors or any officer or employee of the township designated thereby for that purpose may give notice by posting conspicuously on the property where such nuisance exists a notice or order directing and requiring that such nuisance be abated within thirty (30) days. 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 Board of Supervisors may order the removal, trimming or cutting of such grass, weeds or vegetation, and the cost thereof, together with a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the cost thereof, shall be collected by the township from such person, firm or corporation in the manner provided by law.

§ 52-4. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine not more than six hundred dollars (\$600.), plus costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this chapter continues after notice shall constitute a separate offense.