

**ORDINANCE NO. 205**

**AN ORDINANCE OF BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 156 AND SECTION 302.4 OF THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS IN BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP, AND PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

**P R E A M B L E**

*The Bedminster Township Board of Supervisors hereby ORDAINS, as follows:*

**Section I.**

Chapter 3, General Requirements of the 2003 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.4, is hereby revised to read as follows:

**302.4 Weeds.**

A. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of six inches (6"). No property owner shall permit any noxious vegetation prohibited by the Noxious Weed Control Law (3 P.S. §255.1 *et seq.*), as amended or by regulations of the Pennsylvania or United States Departments of Agriculture to propagate and/or spread within the Township including, but not limited to, the following:

- Cannabis sativa, commonly known as Marijuana
- Cirsium arvense, commonly known as Canadian thistle
- Rosa multiflora, commonly known as Multiflora rose
- Sorghum halepense, commonly known as Johnson grass
- Polygonum perfoliatum, commonly known as Mile-a-minute
- Pueraria lobata, commonly known as Kudzu-vine
- Cirsium vulgare, commonly known as Bull or Spear Thistle
- Carduus nutans, commonly known as Musk or Nodding Thistle
- Sorghum bicolor, commonly known as Shattercane
- Datura stramonium, commonly known as Jimsonweed
- Lythrum salicaria, commonly known as Purple Loosestrife (all cultivars)
- Heracleum mantegazzianum, commonly known as Giant Hogweed
- Galega officinalis, commonly known as Goatsrue

- Chicory, succory, or blue daisy
- B. Upon failure of the *owner* or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 106.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the *owner* or agent responsible for the property.

**Section II.**

Repealer. All ordinance or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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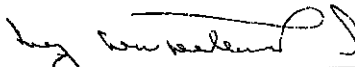
Severability. If any section, paragraph, sub-section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than that portion specifically declared invalid.

**Section IV.**

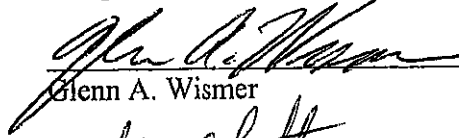
Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after final enactment.

***ENACTED AND ORDAINED*** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2011.

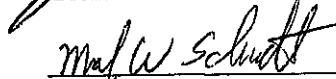
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