

**PORT AUSTIN TOWNSHIP
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #117
(117-A)**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TOWNSHIP OF PORT AUSTIN ORDINANCE NO.117 PERTAINING TO NUISANCE WEEDS AND THE REGULATION OF THE HEIGHT OF VEGETATION.

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE THE TOWNSHIP OF PORT AUSTIN ORDAINS:

Section 1, Weed and Tall Grass Growth Prohibited

Wherever homes exist in close proximity on parcels one acre (43,460 sq. ft.) or less, it shall be unlawful to allow the growth of weeds including (but not exclusive of) burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur, dodder mustards, wild carrot, bindweed, perennial sowthistle, hoary alyssum, poison sumac, poison ivy, or fragmites in a manner that permits the spreading of such vegetation onto neighboring land parcels.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to permit such weeds, grass, or plants other than trees, bushes, flowers, or other ornamental or vegetable plants to grow to a height exceeding ten (10) inches and such plants, grasses, or weeds exceeding such height are hereby declared to be a nuisance.

Section 2, Notice to Abate Nuisance

Any person (property owner) in violation of *Section 1* shall be notified of such violation by certified mail and given seven (7) days from the receipt of notification to abate said nuisance.

Section 3, Abatement By Township

If any person (property owner) fails to comply with the provisions of *Section 2* by the time specified, the Township Board or its duly authorized agent may cause all such grass and noxious weeds to be cut or destroyed. The Township Board shall annually establish by resolution the dollar amount of fines, cutting costs, and interest for which a property owner will become responsible whenever the Township causes abatement. Following Township abatement the property owner will be billed for all costs. Any charges then unpaid for more then _____ days will be added to the property tax bill.

All ordinances and/or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Effective Date:

This ordinance shall become effective forthwith and shall be published in the newspaper, general circulation within the Township of Port Austin, County of Huron, and State of Michigan.

This ordinance is hereby declared to be adopted and passed by the Township of Port Austin, County of Huron, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting thereof duly called and held on the 21 day of May, 2012.

Debra Hubbard
Debra Hubbard, Township Clerk
Darcie Finan
Darcie Finan, Township Supervisor

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Township Board of Port Austin, County of Huron, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 21 day of May 2012, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

I further certify that the following Members were present at said meeting:

Darcie Finan, Debra Hubbard, Mary Andreski, Paulette
Jandreski, Diane Jodoin

and that the following Members were absent:

none

I further certify that Member Darcie Finan moved adoption of said Ordinance, and that said motion was supported by Member Paulette Jandreski

I further certify that the following Members voted for adoption of said Ordinance:

Diane Jodoin, Paulette Jandreski, Debra Hubbard,
Mary Andreski, Darcie Finan

I further certify that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book and that such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and the Township Clerk.

Dated: 6-27-12 Debra Hubbard
Debra Hubbard, Township Clerk