

TALL GRASS ORDINANCE
Ordinance Number 47.0
Adopted: April 17, 2012

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THE TOWNSHIP OF METAMORA, COUNTY OF LAPEER, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Purpose

The Township hereby finds that tall grass can have blighting effect on the neighborhoods and can provide a refuge for vermin. The purpose of this ordinance is to secure the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents and property owners of Metamora Township by regulating the height grass is allowed to grow.

SECTION 2. Definition

Grass – any type of grass or weed, but not including small grain crops such as corn, oats or barley.

Owner – any person holding an ownership interest in land in the Township of Metamora upon which there is a tall grass growing. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the name and address listed on the Township tax assessment roll shall indicate ownership interest in such land.

Used for agriculture – the use of land for tilling of the soil, the raising of field or tree crops or animal husbandry, as a source of income.

SECTION 3. Duty to Cut Grass

- (1) This ordinance applies to the following:
 - a. Parcels used for residential, commercial, industrial or institutional purposes.
 - b. Vacant parcels.
- (2) This ordinance does not apply to land used for agriculture or portions of lots used for flower gardens, shrubbery, vegetable gardens, naturally wooded areas, wetlands or meadows in areas designated for open space.
- (3) The owner of lots this ordinance applies to shall not allow the grass to grow over eight inches (8") in height.

SECTION 4. Enforcement

- (1) This ordinance shall be enforced by the Metamora Township Zoning and Planning Coordinator.
- (2) If it is determined that a lot is in violation of the ordinance, the Zoning and Planning Coordinator shall send notice of the violation to the property owner listed in the most recent Township Assessment Roll. The notice shall be sent by both first class and certified mail return receipt. The notice shall give the property owner fourteen (14) days from the date of the notice to cut the grass.
- (3) If the grass is not cut within fourteen (14) days the Zoning and Planning Coordinator shall have the authority to contract to have the lawn mowed by an authorized representative who are hereby empowered to enter upon any premise or land in Metamora Township for the purpose of mowing grass in violation of this ordinance. No person shall interfere with such person or persons while they are engaged in carrying out the provisions of this ordinance.

- (4) After having a lot mowed, the township shall then submit a bill to the property owner for the cost of the mowing plus an administrative fee established by the Township Board. If the property owner does not pay the bill within 30 days of the date of the invoice the cost of such payment shall be charged against the premises and it shall become a lien on the land or property assessed of the same character in effect as the lien created by general law for taxes, until paid.

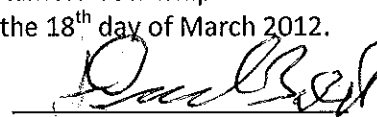
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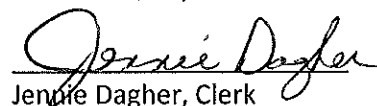
SECTION 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its enactment.

We, the undersigned, Supervisor and the Clerk of Township of Metamora, Lapeer County, Michigan, do hereby certify that his Ordinance was passed by the Metamora Township Board on the 12th day of March 2012, and was published in the County Press on the 18th day of March 2012.



Dave Best , Supervisor



Jennie Dagher, Clerk

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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COUNTY OF LAPEER SS

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March 18, 2012

Stacey Hulber

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Jessica Tripp-Sanchez
Notary Public, Lapeer County, Michigan

My commission expires 6/15

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