

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

GRASS HEIGHT MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. C-2009-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE THAT LANDSCAPED GRASS AREAS SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT OR BELOW EIGHT INCHES IN HEIGHT; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this ordinance is to maintain property values and the overall appearance of the community. Landscaped grass areas that are allowed to go fallow create a nuisance and a blight, attract vermin and insects, and generally diminish property values across the community. This ordinance is to remedy that problem, it being the finding of the Township Board that these issues do concern public health, safety and welfare.

SECTION 2. GRASS HEIGHT.

Landscaped grass areas of all properties shall be maintained by the owner and/or occupant at a maximum height of eight (8) inches or less.

SECTION 3. NOTICE; OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT.

If a violation of this ordinance is noted, a Code Enforcement Officer may notify the owner of record and/or the occupant of the property of the violation. Such notice shall specify the violation and may specify a time within which corrective action should be completed. This notice may be served personally or by mail. A notice of violation is not required prior to issuing a Uniform Law Citation charging the owner/occupant of the property with a violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY; CIVIL INFRACTION.

Any person who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and may be fined and assessed costs and otherwise penalized as provided in PA 236 of 1961, as amended (MCL 600.8701, *et seq.*) but a minimum fine shall be imposed as follows, 1st offense \$100.00, 2nd offense and subsequent offenses \$200.00.

SECTION 5. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION.

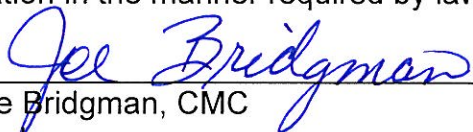
The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 1st day of July, 2009, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.



Joe Bridgman, CMC
Clerk

Introduced: June 23, 2009
Adopted: July 1, 2009
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