

**BROWNSVILLE TOWNSHIP
FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BROWNSVILLE, RELATING TO
BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS**

SECTION 1. Definitions. For purposes of this ordinance, the terms used herein are defined as follows. Reference to the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine.

LOT – A lot, tract or parcel of ground located in township that abuts one or more occupied dwelling units, regardless of whether the lot is vacant or improved with a building or structure.

OWNER – The person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity holding legal title to a lot or other real property, as the same is recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

TOWNSHIP – Brownsville Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. Maintenance of lot. Between May 1 and September 30 of each calendar year, the owner of each lot shall mow the lot as often as is necessary to keep all grass, weeds and vegetation growing on the lot to a height of six inches or less.

SECTION 3. Removal of weeds. The following plants are determined to be noxious weeds and shall be removed by the owner from each lot as often as necessary to prohibit their growth: ragweed, poison ivy, poison oak, marijuana, must or nodding thistle, Canada thistle, bull or spear thistle,

jimsonweed, mile-a-minute, Kudzu vine, shatter cane, Johnson grass, purple loose strife and multi-flora rose.

SECTION 4. Schedule of mowing lots. The owner of every tract or parcel of real property located within the township not classified as a lot as defined in this ordinance or exempted by Section 5 of this ordinance shall mow his property at least twice each calendar year, as follows; once between May 1 and June 01 and once between July 1 and September 30.

SECTION 5. Exceptions. The requirements specified in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this ordinance shall not apply to the following: trees, whether coniferous or deciduous, shrubs, flower beds or gardens, vegetables and vegetable gardens, wildflower gardens, wetlands, woodlands and forested areas, areas within 10 feet of a stream or pond and land actively cultivated in crop production or engaged in farming or animal husbandry.

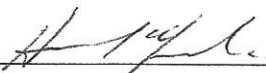
SECTION 6. Excessive vegetation a public nuisance. Any grass, weeds or other prohibited vegetation permitted to grow upon any property in the township in violation of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a public nuisance which is detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Brownsville Township.

SECTION 7. Violations and penalties. Any person who violates or permits the violation of any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding brought before a district justice under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure be guilty of a summary offense, and

shall be subject to the payment of a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, plus the costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment in the county prison for a term of not more than 30 days. Each section of this ordinance violated shall constitute a separate offense, and each day or portion thereof in which a violation of this ordinance is found to exist shall constitute a separate offense each of which violation shall be punishable by a separate fine imposed by the district justice of not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000, plus the costs of prosecution, or upon default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment in the county prison for a term of not more than 30 days. All fines and penalties collection for the violation of this ordinance shall be paid to the Township Treasurer.

ORDAINED and **ENACTED** by the Supervisors of Brownsville Township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, on this 2nd day of March, 2008.

BROWNSVILLE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

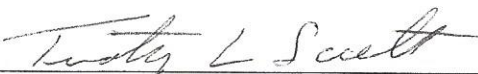


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