## Town of Forestville, Door County

ORDINANCE # <u>2017-07</u>

An Ordinance Regulating Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species

STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Forestville Door County

The Town Board of the Town of Forestville, Door County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

- 1. AUTHORITY. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to authority granted in Wis. Stats. §66.0407 and Wis. Stats. §60.22 (3).
- 2. PURPOSE. This Ordinance codifies the requirement for property owners to destroy noxious and invasive weeds upon their property in the Town of Forestville and provides the Town enforcement authority to require such action.
  - 5.2 Noxious Weeds
  - 5.2.010. ADOPTION OF STATUTE.
    Wis. Stats. §66.0407 as hereafter amended is adopted by reference.
  - 5.2.020. NOXIOUS WEEDS DEFINED.
    In addition to those weeds defined by Wis. Stats. §66.0407, as amended, the town specifically includes the following which are defined as noxious weeds: Exotic Phragmites, Wild Parsnip, Teasel and Japanese Knotweed.
  - 5.2.030. ENFORCEMENT.
    The Town Board or Town Chairman shall enforce this section. If any person fails to comply with the provisions of Wis. Stats. §66.0407, as amended and as adopted by the Town of Forestville, the town may, after five (5) days written notice to the owner, cause the premises to be mowed or sprayed and shall report the cost thereof to the Town Clerk. This cost shall be entered on the tax roll as a special charge for services under Wis. Stats. §66.0627.

## 5.2.040. PENALTIES.

Any person owning, occupying or controlling land in the Town of Forestville who fails to destroy all noxious weeds as required herein shall forfeit not more than \$200 for the violation hereof. Each day that a violation exists is considered a separate violation. In addition, the court may impose upon each person violating this section an assessment for court costs and all costs and fees, including reasonable attorney fees, incurred by the Town in enforcement of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective after the date of its passage and publication as required by law.

Adopted this 17th day of 15th 2017. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. Stats.

Roy Englebert, Town of Forestville Chair

Larry Huber, Supervisor

Jason Tlaehac, Supervisor

Attest: Ruth Kerscher, Town Clerk