

TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 3 - 1985

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION, REQUIRING THE REMOVAL, TRIMMING OR CUTTING THEREOF BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE SAME IS GROWING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, OR BY THE TOWNSHIP AT THE EXPENSE OF SUCH OWNER OR OCCUPANT IN DEFAULT, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

The Board of Supervisors of Morgan Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, hereby enact and ordain:

SECTION 1: No person, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any property within a built-up or neighborhood area in the Township of Morgan shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of six (6) inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen. Any grass, weeds, or other vegetation growing upon such premises in the township in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Township.

SECTION 2: The owner of such premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of the first section of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: The Supervisors of Morgan Township or any officer or employee of the Township designated thereby for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give

notice, by personal service or by United States Mail, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any such premises whereon grass, weeds or other vegetation is growing or remaining in violation of the provisions of the first section of this ordinance, directing and requiring such occupant to remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, so as to conform to the requirements of this ordinance, within five (5) days after issuance of such notice. In case any person, firm or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice, within the period of time stated therein, the Township authorities may remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, and the cost thereof, together with any additional penalty authorized by the law, may be collected by the Township from such person, firm or corporation, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4: This ordinance shall only apply in a rural area to that portion of the property upon which is located any mansion house, tenant house, or other buildings and the land immediately surrounding the same, and it is not intended to cover those portions of the property which are or which could be used for agriculture or other similar purposes.

SECTION 5: Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction before a District Justice, be subject to a fine not exceeding Three Hundred and no/100 (\$300.00) Dollars and costs and in default of payment of the fine and costs, shall be subject to imprisonment in the Greene County Jail for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.

SECTION 6: Each day's violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense and notice to the offender shall not be necessary in order to constitute an offense.

SECTION 7: All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8: Each separate section, part, sentence or clause of this ordinance shall be independent of all other provisions herein and if any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be declared to be invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and in force.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance and passed by the Supervisors of Morgan Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania, on this 20th day of November, 1985.

MORGAN TOWNSHIP
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