



HARDIN COUNTY

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NOTICE

To All Property Owners: 2009 WEED RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Hardin County, Iowa: That pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317, 2009 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land in Hardin County shall control all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in this chapter at such time each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep such lands from such growths of the weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise controlled as often as is necessary to prevent seed production.

Noxious weeds are:

PRIMARY NOXIOUS WEEDS: Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canada Thistle, Bull Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Hoary Cress (Perennial Pepper-grass), Russian Knapweed, Tall Thistle, Musk Thistle, and Buckthorn.

SECONDARY NOXIOUS WEEDS: Wild Mustard, Velvetleaf (Butterprint), Cocklebur, Wild Carrot, Shattercane, Buckthorn Plantain, Red (Sheep) Sorrel, Curly Dock, Smooth Dock, Poison Hemlock, Multiflora Rose, Wild Sunflower, Teasel, Purple Loosestrife, Puncture Vine.

2. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Hardin County infested with primary noxious weeds shall adopt a program of weed control described by the Weed Commissioner which in five years may be expected to control and will immediately keep under control such infections of said noxious weeds.

3. That if owners or persons in possession or control of any lands in Hardin County shall fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work including the costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate on which noxious weeds are controlled.

4. That the County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering of the foregoing order by one publication in each of the official newspapers of the county.

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To:

As the owner and person in possession or control of the real estate described hereinafter, you are hereby notified pursuant to Iowa Code Section 317.6 of your failure to comply with the resolution adopted by the Fayette County Board of Supervisors on June 25, 1997, which requires that all noxious weeds be cut or otherwise destroyed on or before July 1 of each year, and as set forth in the Iowa Weed Law.

You have failed to meet the requirements of this resolution on the following described real estate, said real estate description attached hereto:

You are hereby notified that unless you have destroyed the above listed weeds on said real estate by five (5) days after the service of this Notice upon you, the Weed Commissioner, the Weed Commissioner's Deputies and/or employees acting under the Weed Commissioner's direction shall have full power and authority to enter upon your land for the purpose of destroying said noxious weeds. This entry may be made without your consent.

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 317.16, you are hereby notified that your failure to comply with this Notice may result in a fine and/or an assessment against the above described real estate for all cost of destroying the weeds, serving notice and any other costs related thereto.

Copies of Iowa Code Section 317.6 and 317.16 are attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein. A listing of noxious weeds and the corresponding dates for their destruction is also attached.

Signed _____

Jonathan P. Steege
Fayette County Weed Commissioner

This notice is served on _____, by _____
(date) (name)

(title)

(OPTIONAL)

I acknowledge receipt of this Notice and understand the consequences of not complying with this directive.

(Landowner)

(date)

June 2, 1999

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To the Hardin County Board of Supervisors:

**PROCEDURES FOR INCIDENTS OF
NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL
FOR HARDIN COUNTY**

It is the responsibility of the Weed Commissioner each spring to give to each of the official newspapers of the county a notice of a program of weed control (Code of Iowa, Chapter 317.14).

After a problem with noxious weeds has been identified, contact will be made by the Hardin County Weed Commissioner by phone or face to face with the landowner or person in control of land that has noxious weeds growing in it. The Weed Commissioner will discuss ways that control can be achieved. The landowner will then have approximately ten days to take measures that will correct the problem.

If there has been no action taken after that time, the Weed Commissioner will issue a letter advising the landowner and the person in charge of the land to control the noxious weeds as discussed within ten days. Also a similar letter may be issued the following year without verbal contact if the noxious weeds are a chronic problem and no subsequent actions have been taken to control the situation.

If no attempt to control noxious weeds has been made after ten days, a certified letter will be sent to the landowner containing a notice that if after five days of the certification date there has been a substantial failure of the landowner to control the noxious weeds, the weed commissioner shall hire done the actual work of controlling the noxious weeds (Code of Iowa, Chapters 317.6 and 317.16). The costs of labor and material will be taxed against the real estate on which the noxious weeds are growing. To the total of all sums expended, an amount equal to twenty-five per cent will be added thereof to compensate for the cost of supervision and administration (Code of Iowa, Chapter 317.21).

Respectfully submitted,

R. Linn Reece
Hardin County Weed Commissioner

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