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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL JOHNSON COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Johnson County Weed Commissioner announces that the deadline for destruction of Noxious weeds is **June 1st, 2019**, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes weeds on farmlands, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, properties within city limits, and all lands within the limits of the County. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa's Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, and the Weed Commissioner or Deputies entering upon the land to control the weed problem, with all costs, including fines and administrative costs, levied against the landowner. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the real estate tax of the land for collection. Weed eradication/control will still be required to be implemented in all cases where penalties are assessed

The following weeds have been declared Noxious:

Class A Noxious Weeds for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*)

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control:

- a. Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
- b. Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*) biennial
- c. Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*)
- d. Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)
- e. Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*)
- f. European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*)
- g. All other species of thistles belonging in the Genus of *Carduus*

At all times: Palmer amaranth must be eradicated. Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Johnson County shall seek cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, which may include the department's farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department, if Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) is found on lands enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410

For Noxious weed identification and pictures, control recommendations, etc. visit the Johnson County web site at www.johnson-county.com. Click on Departments, then Secondary Roads. Weeds may be destroyed in any manner appropriate to prevent seed production, and shall include mowing, pulling, burning, spraying, or cutting. Questions should be directed to: Chris Henze, Johnson County Weed Commissioner, 4810 Melrose Ave., Iowa City, IA 52246. (319) 356-6046.

Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds

To All Property Owners in Mahaska County, IA

You are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, and amendments thereto; the Board of Supervisors and the appointed Weed Commissioner of Mahaska County, Iowa declare that owners or persons in control of real estate within said county shall **eradicate** all Class A noxious weeds and **control** all Class B noxious weeds

The following recommended dates are guidelines only. All Class A noxious weeds to be eradicated and all Class B noxious weeds to be controlled from Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Administrative Code, 21-58.4(317) are listed below. Measures of control shall take place at such time, in each year, and in such a manner as shall prevent such weeds from blooming or coming to maturity throughout the growing season. Weather conditions may cause weeds to mature several weeks ahead of normal and consequently require control measures prior the listed dates. Any landowner with property under CPR contract with the USDA is encouraged to consult with their local office and must abide by contract requirements.

Priority Weed Species as specified by IDALS Admin. Code 58 (2018)

Class A Noxious Weeds for eradication include: May 15, 2019 –Palmer Amaranth

Class B Noxious Weeds for control include:

Group 1: May 15, 2019 – Musk Thistle and Leafy Spurge

Group 2: June 15, 2019 – Canada Thistle, Common Teasel, and Multiflora Rose

Group 3: June 30, 2019—Field Bindweed, Bull Thistle, and Plumeless Thistle

Other Noxious Weed Species listed in Chapter 317.1(A) to be controlled are:

Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Horse Nettle, Perennial Peppergrass, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Butterprint, Cocklebur, Wild Mustard, Wild Carrot, Buckhorn Plantain, Sheep Sorrel, Sour Dock, Smooth dock, Poison Hemlock, Wild Sunflower, Puncture Vine, Shattercane

In case of landowners and tenants failing to comply with an order to destroy weeds made pursuant to Chapter 317, Chapter 58 of the Iowa Department of Agriculture Administrative Code, and amendments thereto, the Weed Commissioner or Deputies assigned by the Weed Commissioner may enter private lands five days after serving a destruction notice in order to conduct control on any weed infestation. The cost of this destruction, the cost of serving notice, and other related costs will be billed. If the bill is not paid, the cost of said destruction will be assessed to the tax roles of the weed violator. Also, the weed commissioner may pose a fine for each day of non-compliance up to ten days at the rate of ten dollars per day.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MAHASKA COUNTY

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2019

Mark Groenendyk , Chairman

Ben Hoskinson, Weed Commissioner

Attest:

Sue Brown, Mahaska Co. Auditor