

TOWNSHIP OF PENN
SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2012 - 02

AN ORDINANCE OF PENN TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS IN EXCESS OF A HEIGHT OF TEN INCHES, PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE FOR COMPLIANCE AND CERTAIN REMEDIES AND PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Supervisors of the Township of Penn in regular meeting assembled, and it is ORDAINED AND ENACTED by and with the authority for the same:

Section 1 – Certain Growth Prohibited.

No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within Penn Township shall permit any brush, grass, weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of ten (10) inches, excepting therefrom any such vegetation growing on lands utilized primarily for the growing of agricultural crops, nor shall any noxious weeds prohibited by the Noxious Weed Control Law (3 P.S. §255.8), or by regulations of the Department of Agriculture be permitted to grow within the Township.

Any grass, weeds, brush or other vegetation growing upon any premises in Penn 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 Penn Township. The same creates fire hazards and provides breeding places for insects and rodents.

Section 2 – Removal Required.

The owner of any premises and any occupant of premises occupied other than the owner shall remove, trim or cut all brush, grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of this Ordinance.

Section 3 – Notice; Failure to Comply.

The Penn Township Zoning Officer is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by certified United States mail to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises whereon brush, grass, weeds or other vegetation is growing or remaining in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to remove, trim or cut such brush, grass, weeds or vegetation so as to conform to the requirements of this Ordinance within five (5) days of issuance of such notice.

In case any person, firm or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period upon stated therein, the Penn Township authorities may remove, trim or cut such brush, grass, weeds or vegetation, and the cost thereof may be collected by Penn Township, together with a penalty of ten (10%) percent of the cost thereof, from any such person, firm or corporation in any manner provided by law.

Section 4 – Violations and Penalties.

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall violate the provision(s) of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars or more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars and cost of prosecution, and in default of payment, to undergo imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues after notice shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 5

As of the effective date of this Ordinance, Ordinance No. 66-3 of the Township of Penn, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, and any other ordinance inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED, this 4th day of April, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of Penn Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, public session duly assembled.

ATTEST:

Robin M. Birk

PENN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: W. J. Arroyo

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