

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRASS, WEEDS, AND OTHER
VEGETATION ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN COOPER
TOWNSHIP, REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OR CUTTING
THEREOF BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF SAID
PROPERTY, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION**

The Township of Cooper hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I: No person, corporation or other entity, owning or occupying any property in any residential or commercial district within Cooper Township, shall permit any grass, weeds or 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 twelve (12) inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit. Any grass, weed, or other vegetation growing upon any premises in said districts of Cooper 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 residents of the Township.

Section II: The owner of any 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 III: The Township Supervisors 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 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 the event there is no occupant or the owner cannot be located within the County of Montour, then notice shall be posted on the premises. 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 IV: This Ordinance applied only to those portions of Cooper Township which are zoned Residential or Commercial according to Montour County's zoning laws.

Section V: 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 thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution. PROVIDED: Each days violation shall constitute a separate offense and notice to the offender shall not be necessary in order to constitute an offense.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED into an Ordinance this 12th day of February, 2004.

TOWNSHIP OF COOPER

BY:

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