

**AN ORDINANCE TO CONTROL THE LENGTH OF GRASS, BRUSH, LEAVES AND NOXIOUS WEEDS  
LAKETON TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 07190401**

**INTENT AND PURPOSE:** This Ordinance is proposed to protect the health, safety and well being of the residents of the Township.

**THE LAKETON TOWNSHIP BOARD HEREBY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. That a new Ordinance of the Township of Laketon read as follows:**

- 1. GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS:** Shall mean and include all plants listed within Public Act 359 of 1941 (MCL 247.62), as amended, and incorporated herein by reference. The term shall also include all common grasses, more than ten (10) inches in height, dead bushes, trees, leaves that have accumulated for more than one season, tree stumps, and bushes and trees infested with dangerous insects or infectious diseases.
  - a. All grasses and noxious weeds, as defined, located within and upon the parcels of property described below, are hereby declared to be a nuisance.
  - b. It shall be the duty of every owner or occupant to remove all grasses and noxious weeds in the following designated parcels of property:
    - i. All parcels less than one half acre, whether platted or not.
    - ii. All parcels located within approved site condominiums.
    - iii. All commercial property.
  - c. The following exceptions shall apply:
    - i. Natural buffers to neighboring properties or roadways.
    - ii. Natural forms of landscaping that does not include noxious weeds.
    - iii. Undeveloped vacant parcels that have not been maintained prior to the adoption of this ordinance. Maintained shall mean parcels that have been cleared of all or most trees and have been kept free of accumulated leaves and the grass kept mowed.
- 2. REMOVAL:** If the owner or occupant of any premises identified above, who refuses to comply with subsection 1 above, and fails, within ten (10) days after the service of a Notice of Violation, to bring it's property into compliance, the Township and its agents may enter upon such property and shall remove the noxious weeds, or cut the grass as is required, and any expense incurred by the Township shall be paid by the owner or occupant of the parcel involved, and if unpaid the Township shall have a lien against the property in the amount of the expenses incurred. The lien shall be enforced in the same manner as a tax upon the property and collected as provided by law.

**Section 2. Severability.** The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and the holding of any court of competent jurisdiction that any section hereof is invalid shall not impair or invalidate any other section.

**Section 3. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances.** All ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance to the extent of such conflict are hereby repealed.

**Section 4. Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall be effective ten (10) days after adoption.

**Adopted: 07/19/2004  
Published: 07/24/2004  
Effective: 07/29/2004**

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**Edward J. Weessies, Township Clerk**