**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLINT ORDAINS:**

SECTION 1.

Chapter 5, Article 6, sections 5.6-1 of the Charter Township of Flint Code of Ordinances hereby reads as follows:

Sec. 5.6-1 **Growth of noxious weeds prohibited.**

No person owning any lands or premises, whether occupied or unoccupied, nor any person occupying any lands or premises, shall permit or maintain, on any such lands or premises, any growth of noxious weeds or grass to a height greater than seven inches; nor any accumulation of dead weeds, grass, vegetation or brush. **The term "noxious weeds" shall include:**

**(1) Canada thistle (*Circium arvense*);**

**(2) Dodders (any species of *Cuscuta*);**

**(3) Mustards (charlock, black mustard, and Indian mustard, species of *Brassica* or *Sinapis*);**

**(4) Wild carrot (*Dancus carota*);**

**(5) Bindweed (*Convalvulus arvense*);**

**(6) Perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*);**

**(7) Hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*);**

**(8) Ragweed (*Ambrosia elator 1*);**

**(9) Poison ivy (*Rhus toxicondendron*); and**

**(10) Poison sumac (*Toxicondenron vernix*), or any other plant which, in the opinion of the township board as expressed by resolution, constitutes a common nuisance.**

SECTION 2.

Chapter 5, Article 6, sections 5.6-4 of the Charter Township of Flint Code of Ordinances reads as follows:

Sec. 5.6-4 Notice requirements.

(a) The township clerk shall, on or before April 1 of each year, cause the ordinance from which this section is derived to be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the township.

(b) **The owner of any land or premises on which noxious weeds or grass is found growing to a height greater than seven inches will be sent by first class mail a notice stating that if the grass or weeds are not cut to a minimum of four inches or less within ten days of the postmark on the notice the township may cause all such noxious weeds and/or grass to be cut and removed or destroyed. Only one mailed notice a year will be sent regardless of how often the owner allows noxious weeds or grass to grow to a height in excess of seven inches.** The township may collect the charges incurred for the cutting and removal or destruction of the noxious weeds and/or grass plus an amount to be determined by the board, by resolution from time to time, in any manner provided by law including adding such costs to the real property tax of the property owner. Any owner who wishes to challenge the determination of the height of the noxious weeds or grass must appear at the township building department prior to the expiration of the ten days.

(c) The property owner of any land or premises will be determined by a search of the assessment records in the township.

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