

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**THOMAS TOWNSHIP, SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**DESTRUCTION/CUTTING OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND UNCONTROLLED PLANT GROWTH**

Please take notice that pursuant to Section 3-1-3 of the Thomas Township Code of Ordinances, the owner and occupant of the following described lands shall destroy or cut any noxious weeds or uncontrolled plant growth as specified herein by May 1, 2021.

If the owner or occupant of said land fails or refuses to destroy or cut said noxious weeds or uncontrolled plant growth by May 1, 2021, Thomas Township, its officers, employees, agents and contractors may enter upon said land and destroy or cut said weeds or plant growth as many times as is necessary to keep said land in compliance with said Ordinance and charge the owner of said land with the expenses incurred. Thomas Township shall have a lien against said land for the amount of said expenses.

The term "noxious weeds" pertains to Canada thistle (*Cirsium Arvense*), dodders (any species of *Cuscuta*), mustards (charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard, species of *Brassica* or *Sinapis*), wild carrot (*Daucus Carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus Arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus Arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa Incana*), ragweed (*Ambrosia Elatior* 1.), poison ivy (*Rhus Toxicodendron*), poison sumac (*Toxicodendron Vernix*), and any other plant species which the Township Board determines, by resolution, is regarded in the community as a common nuisance weed after reaching a seed bearing stage or a height of ten (10") inches, whichever occurs first, except weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

The term "uncontrolled plant growth" pertains to any non-woody vegetation exceeding a height of ten (10") inches; except where such vegetation is not out of character with the development of and landscaping in the surrounding area within five hundred (500') feet and also excepting all small grain or food crops, such as wheat, corn, oats, barley or rye, and garden vegetables and except where a parcel is not accessible due to thick tree growth, heavy shrub growth and/or where a ditch blocks access.

The lands subject to this notice are:

1. Lots within platted subdivisions and condominium subdivisions, including vacant lots.
2. Unplatted lands with a residential dwelling or other occupied building thereon, for a depth of one hundred sixty-five (165') feet, the depth of the parcel, or the depth of the established yard area, whichever is less.
3. On parcels of land along improved streets in common usage within the township, including County roads and State Trunkline Highways, and regardless of whether there is a dwelling or structure located thereon, to a depth of one hundred sixty-five (165') feet or the depth of the ownership, whichever is lesser.
4. Parcels zoned for commercial, industrial, manufacturing or high tech purposes, including mobile home park districts, either occupied by buildings or unoccupied by building.

For further information concerning this notice, please contact: Thomas Township Community Development Department, Code Enforcement Officer, 249 North Miller Road, Saginaw, Michigan 48609, telephone number (989) 781-0150 or email at [codeenforcer@thomastwp.org](mailto:codeenforcer@thomastwp.org)