

SOUTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 330

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION GROWING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH LEBANON REQUIRING THE REMOVAL, TRIMMING OR CUTTING THEREOF UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE SAME ARE GROWING, OR BY THE TOWNSHIP AT THE EXPENSE OF SUCH OWNER OR OCCUPANT IN DEFAULT; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH LEBANON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The following words, as used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings hereby respectively ascribed thereto:

- A. PERSON – any natural person, partnership, association, firm or corporation.
- B. WEEDS – any Canadian or Russian thistle, chicory, burdock, nettle, poison ivy, sumac, goldenrod, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, milkweed, multiflora rose, Johnson grass and other weeds added hereafter to the noxious weeds list by the Noxious Weed Control Committee pursuant to Act 74 of 1982, H.B. 1429; adopted April 7, 1982, effective June 6, 1982.

SECTION 2:

Every person, owning or occupying any premises within the Township of South Lebanon upon which grass or weeds are in excess of six inches (6") in height, shall cut or remove such grass or weeds or cause the same to be cut or removed.

SECTION 3:

The following types of areas are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance:

- A. All areas containing crops planted for some useful purpose.
- B. All wooded areas.
- C. All erosion control filter strips.
- D. All areas planted with vegetation designed to prevent erosion of steep slopes.
- E. All state games lands.
- F. All cultivated fields and similar areas used for agricultural purposes.
- G. All areas adjacent to streams (within 20 feet).
- H. All mature hedge rows.
- I. All areas containing wildflowers and other ornamental plantings.
- J. All areas determined to be wetlands.
- K. All stormwater management areas maintained as natural areas.

SECTION 4:

Grass or weeds as defined in this ordinance growing to a height in excess of six inches (6") which are not cut or removed in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be a public nuisance and harmful to the health and welfare of the citizens and residents of the Township of South Lebanon.

SECTION 5:

Written notice shall be given by personal service or by first class mail to the last known address of said owner or occupant of any property whereon grass or weeds are growing or remain in violation of the provisions of this ordinance. The notice shall direct and require such owner or occupant to cut or remove all

such grass or weeds in conformance with the requirements of this ordinance within five (5) days after receipt of such notice. Notification shall be valid for the remainder of the calendar year.

SECTION 6:

In case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period of time stated therein, or in the event the notice sent by U. S. mail is undelivered within fifteen (15) days of the date of mailing, the Board of Supervisors may cause such grass or weeds to be removed or cut and the cost thereof together with any penalty authorized by law may be collected from such person in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7:

In those cases where the owner or occupant fails or refuses to cut such grass or weeds, South Lebanon Township shall cut or remove the grass or weeds at a rate of \$75.00 per man hour. This rate may be changed by Resolution as needed.

SECTION 8:

Any person who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof before any District Judge, be sentenced to pay a fine or penalty of not more than \$100.00 plus costs of prosecution. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 9:

This Ordinance repeals Ordinances 34 and 102.

SECTION 10:

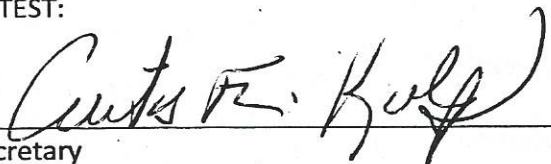
Any ordinance or parts of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

SECTION 11:

If any section or part of this ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason, the other sections of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

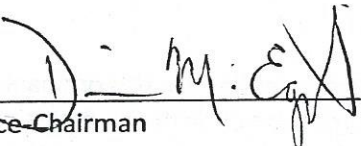
ORDAINED AND ENACTED into law this 12TH day of JUNE, 2012, to become effective five (5) days from the date hereof.

ATTEST:


Secretary

SOUTH LEBANON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Chairman


Vice-Chairman


Supervisor