

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 3
PART 7

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, COUNTY OF BEAVER, DETERMINING THAT THE EXCESSIVE GROWTH OF WEEDS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE TOWNSHIP CONSTITUTE A NUISANCE, PROVIDING FOR A METHOD OF NOTICE AND REMOVAL OF THE SAME AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Franklin Township is empowered under the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code to enact Ordinances to provide for the general health and welfare of the residents of the Township, and is further empowered to enact Ordinances to prohibit nuisances within the Township, and is further empowered to enact Ordinances respecting fire prevention and building regulations within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors have determined that the excessive growth of weeds in residential areas of Franklin Township constitutes a nuisance and is detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Franklin Township, and further constitutes a fire hazard within Franklin Township;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. Definitions. The following terms have the meanings set forth herein when used in this Ordinance:

(a) Excessive growth of weeds. Excessive growth of weeds shall mean permitting the growth of weeds or grass on any

property subject to this Ordinance to a height greater than six (6) inches above the ground.

(b) Residential areas. Any area of Franklin Township that does not constitute farm land or forest land as defined in the Pennsylvania Preference or Assessment Act.

2. Prohibition against excessive growth of weeds. Following the enactment of this Ordinance, no property owner or resident of Franklin Township shall permit the excessive growth of weeds on their property within residential areas of Franklin Township as defined herein. The excessive growth of weeds within residential areas of Franklin Township as defined herein is hereby found to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Franklin Township, and also to constitute a fire hazard within Franklin Township.

3. Procedures. The Franklin Township Board of Supervisors shall notify any property owner or resident within a residential area of Franklin Township because of the excessive growth of weeds on their property by giving them ten (10) days' written notice by first class mail delivered to their last known address. Upon the failure of said property owner or resident to remove the excessive growth of weeds within the time allowed by the notice, the Township shall be empowered to come onto the premises and remove the excessive growth of weeds by appropriate methods. Thereafter, the Township shall notify the property owner or

resident of the cost of the same by first class mail and demand payment to the Township within thirty (30) days after the date of this notice. Upon the failure of the Township resident or property owner to pay the costs over to the Township, the Board of Supervisors shall cause a Municipal Claim to be filed against the subject premises.

4. Penalties. The penalties for violation of this Ordinance are as follows:

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| (a) First Offense | \$ 25.00 |
| (b) Second Offense | \$ 50.00 |
| (c) Third Offense | \$100.00 |

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 9 day of September
_____, 1992, by the Franklin Township Board of Supervisors.

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

By: G. William Blank, Jr.
G. William Blank, Jr.,
Chairman

ATTEST:

Sandra Greer
Sandra Greer, Secretary