

16.03 NOXIOUS WEEDS, GRASS AND OTHER VEGETATION

- (1) **NOXIOUS WEEDS.** Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.0407, it shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, agent or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land within the Village of Hilbert to destroy noxious weeds growing upon their premises or on the area adjacent to the sidewalk or streets upon which the premises abut all of the following: Canada thistle, leafy spurge, ragweed, English charlock (wild mustard), garlic mustard, burdock, poison ivy, oxalis, field bindweed (commonly known as creeping Jenny), quack or quitch grass, field dodder, Indian mustard, sow thistle, purple loosestrife, and other noxious weeds growing upon their premises or on the area adjacent to the sidewalk or streets upon which such premises abut within:
  - (a) The destruction of said thistles or weeds shall be made at all times before the same go to seed or at such time as the Weed Commissioner shall order.
  - (b) Neglect or failure on the part of the owner, occupant, agent or person in charge of any lot or parcel to obey the provisions of this section or to comply with the orders of the Weed Commissioner within the time stated on any notice he may serve, shall be deemed a violation of this section and said Weed Commissioner shall proceed to cut down or otherwise destroy such thistles, trees or other noxious weed.
  - (c) The Village President shall serve as Weed Commissioner for the village who shall keep an account of such expense and make a report of the same to the clerk who shall enter the amount therein charged to each lot or parcel of land in the next subsequent tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land and the same shall be collected in all aspects like other village taxes upon real estate.
  - (d) Lands exempt from these regulations include Wetlands as designated by Calumet County Mapping or other official wetland delineation and Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA).
  
- (2) **LAWN MAINTENANCE.** It shall be the duty of every owner, occupant, agent or person in charge of any lot or parcel of land within the Village of Hilbert to not allow, permit, or maintain the growth of grass and weeds, or the combination thereof, or any unsightly growth, to a height of over eight inches (8"). Trees and shrubs are exempt.
  - (a) For those areas residentially zoned and larger than one (1) acre, provisions of this code shall apply to the areas of the lot or parcel cultivated with turf grass. For the purposes of this code, turf grass is defined as grasses which are spreading or stoloniferous in nature, which endures regular mowing to form a dense growth of leaf blades and root.
  - (b) Neglect or failure on the part of the owner, occupant, agent or person in charge of any lot or parcel to obey the provisions of this section or to comply with the orders of the Weed Commissioner within the stated time on any notice that he may serve, shall be deemed a violation of this section and said Weed Commissioner shall proceed to cut down and remove or cause to be cut down and removed all such growths described in Section (a) above.
  - (c) The Weed Commissioner shall keep an account of such expense and make a report to the Clerk who shall enter the amount therein charged to each lot or parcel of land in the next subsequent tax roll as a special tax against said lot or parcel of land and the same shall be collected in all respects like other village taxes upon real estate.