

Chapter 8.28

WEEDS

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8.28.010 Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter:

“Destroy” means the complete killing of weeds or weed plants above the surface of the ground by the use of chemicals, cutting, tillage, cropping system, pasturing livestock or any or all of these in effective combination.

“Noxious weeds” means Canada thistle, leafy spurge, field bindweed and unsightly and troublesome plants which are detrimental to cultivated crops, public health, public welfare and to general appearance of the surrounding area, or such uncultivated rank plants which create unpleasant or noxious odors or grow to such height as to permit the concealment of filthy deposits. (Prior code § 10.07(1))

8.28.020 Destruction of weeds required in recorded subdivisions.

Any person owning, occupying or controlling any lands in recorded subdivisions in the town shall, without further notice, destroy noxious weeds growing on such lands at least once during each of the following periods of time: between June 7th and 15th of each year; and, between July 24th and August 1st of each year. (Prior code § 10.07(2))

8.28.030 Notice to destroy weeds throughout town.

On or before May 15th of each year the town chairman shall post, in at least three conspicuous places in the town and publish at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Burlington Standard Press, a notice that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds, as defined in Section 8.28.010 on lands in the town regardless of location, which he owns, occupies or controls. (Prior code § 10.07(3))

8.28.040 Weed commissioner-- Destruction of weeds.

If any person neglects to destroy weeds after the publication of the notice described in Section 8.28.030, the weed commissioner appointed under Section 66.97, Wis. Stats., shall:

A. Give five days' written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of the affected land;

B. Destroy such weeds in accordance with the procedures specified in Section 66.96, Wis. Stats.;

C. Take such actions as are required to enable the town clerk to tax the affected land for the destruction of weeds. (Prior code § 10.07(4))

8.28.050 Levy of tax lien.

The town clerk shall levy tax liens for the destruction of weeds in accordance with the provisions of Section 66.98 Wis Stats. In lieu of the remedy provided herein, the town may elect to impose the penalties as provided in Chapter 1.20 of this code. (Ord. dated 3/11/91: prior code § 10.07(5))

8.28.060 Compensation.

The weed commissioner or commissioners shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the town board. (Prior code § 10.07(6))