

ORDINANCE NO. 15

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

The Township of Millcreek hereby ordains:

Section 1. No person, firm or corporation or association, owning or occupying any property within the Township of Millcreek, shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not commonly edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of six (6) inches in all residential areas (except that farms shall not allow such grass or weeds to exceed a height of twelve (12) inches,) or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Township in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Township.

Section 2. The owner of any premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of the first section of this ordinance.

Section 3. The Board of Township Supervisors, or any officer or employee of the Township designated thereby for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by the United States mail, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises whereon grass, weeds or other vegetation is growing or remaining in violation of the provisions of the first section of this ordinance, directing and requiring such occupant to remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation so as to conform to the requirements of this ordinance, within five (5) days after issuance of such notice.

If any person, firm or corporation or association shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice, within the period of time stated therein, the Township authorities may remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, and the cost thereof, together with ten percent (10%) additional of such cost, may be collected by the Township from such person, firm or corporation or association in the manner provided by law.

Section 4. Any person, firm or corporation or association who or which shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any provision of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution, or, in default of payment of such fine and costs, to undergo imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 2 day of September, 1976.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP

ATTEST:

By: _____

Secretary