



STOWE TOWNSHIP

Municipal Building
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Re: Stowe Township Ordinance Violation Notice

To all property owners,

Be advised that Stowe Township has a property maintenance ordinance which is known as the "Property Maintenance Ordinance of 2022."

Please be further advised that some of the common violations are as follows:

302.1 Sanitation.

Exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The *occupant* shall keep that part of the *exterior property* that such *occupant* occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

302.2 Grading and drainage.

Premises shall be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or within any *structure* located thereon.

Exception: *Approved* retention areas and reservoirs.

302.3 Sidewalks and driveways.

Sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

302.4 Weeds.

Premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of **12 inches.** Noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Upon failure of the *owner* or agent having charge of a property to cut and destroy weeds after service of a notice of violation, they shall be subject to prosecution in accordance with Section 108.3 and as prescribed by the authority having jurisdiction. Upon failure to comply with the notice of violation, any duly authorized employee of the jurisdiction or contractor hired by the jurisdiction shall be authorized to enter upon the property in violation and cut and destroy the weeds growing thereon, and the costs of such removal shall be paid by the *owner* or agent responsible for the property.

Finally, if you are a property owner/agent be advised that the International Property Maintenance Code shall be enforced as adopted. In lieu of potential citations, please keep your property maintained and free of trash and weeds.

Respectfully requested,

Andy Marsh
Ordinance Officer
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