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GRASS/WEED ORDINANCE
AMENDED 03-2020

1. Weed Growth Prohibited. No person occupying any premises and no person owning any unoccupied premises shall permit or maintain on any such premises any growth of noxious weeds nor any growth of other rank vegetation to a greater height than eight (8) inches on the average; nor any accumulation of dead weeds or brush. "Noxious weeds" shall include (but not limited to) Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), doddies (any species of *Cuscuta*), mustards (charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard, species of *Brassica* or *Sinapis*), wild carrot (*Daucus carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa Incana*), ragweed (*Ambrosia elatior* 1) and poison ivy (*Rhus toxicodendron*), poison sumac (*Toxicodendron vernix*).
2. Duty of Occupant or Owner. It shall be the duty of the owner of every premise; whether occupied or unoccupied, to cut and remove or destroy by lawful means all such noxious weeds as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of section 1. Any premise with a home on it must maintain grass length of eight inches or less, whether occupied or unoccupied.
3. When Village to do Work. If the provisions of sections 1 and 2 are not complied with, the Street Commissioner shall notify the owner of the premises to comply with the provisions of said sections within a time to be specified in said notice. Said notice shall require compliance within five (5) days after service of such notice, and if such notice is not complied within the time allowed, the Street Commissioner shall cause such weeds, grass and other vegetation to be removed or destroyed at the cost of \$75.00 per hour, which shall be billed to the owner of the property. If the owner refuses or neglects to pay the fee set by Council resolution, a lien shall be set against the land and collected the same way as other taxes or assessments are collected within the Village.
4. Exemptions. Exempted from the provisions of this Chapter are flower gardens, plots of shrubbery and vegetable gardens. An exemption under the terms of this section cannot be claimed unless the land has been cultivated and cared for in a manner appropriate to such exempt categories.

This Ordinance was duly amended at a regular meeting of the Village of Copemish Council.

Votes: Yea: 4 Nay: 0

Ordinance amended March 10, 2020