

ORDINANCE NO. 86

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN NOXIOUS WEEDS.

The Town Board of the Town of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: The Town Board of the Town of Jefferson declares the following to be noxious weeds: 1. Canada Thistle (*cirsium arvense*), 2. Bull Thistle (*cirsium vulgare*), and 3. Musk Thistle (*carduus nutans L.*).

SECTION 2: "Destroy means the complete killing of weeds or the killing of 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 at a time and in a manner as will effectively prevent the weed plants from maturing to the bloom or flower stage.

SECTION 3: Destruction of Noxious Weeds.

(a) Unless delegated to the county, the Town Clerk shall annually on or before May 15th publish as required by state law a notice that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the Town which he owns, occupies, or controls. A joint notice with other towns or municipalities may be utilized.

(b) If the owner or occupant shall neglect to destroy any weeds as required by such notice, then the Weed Commissioner of the Town shall give seven (7) days written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the weeds shall be growing to the effect that the described weeds shall be destroyed prior to the expiration of the seven (7) day period.

SECTION 4: Any landowner who does not comply with the requirements of Section Three above may also be fined up to \$100.00. If fine is not paid within fourteen (14) days, the fine shall then be \$200.00. The citation for the fine may be issued by the Weed Commissioner. If not paid the fine shall be placed on the landowner's real estate tax bill and collected as a special charge.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

The foregoing ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the Town Board of Jefferson, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, on the 6th day of May 2002.

Harold Bockmann, Chairperson

Richard Schmidt, Supervisor

Don Bigelow, Supervisor

Eugene Haag, Supervisor

Tyson Barnes, Supervisor

ATTEST TO:

Bonnie L. Ames
Bonnie L. Ames, Clerk