



Zoning Tidbit #4

How does the Township address tall grass/noxious weeds on private property?

The Ohio Revised Code 5579.05 outlines the provisions for addressing property nuisances such as tall grass and weeds. According to the State law, any grass or weeds that exceed an eight (8) inch height is considered a nuisance.

The abatement of this nuisance can then be addressed by the Township. The Township follows these procedures in abating the tall grass/weed nuisance:

- Inspect the property to determine that the subject grass and/or weeds are in excess of the eight-inch allowance.
- If, as the result of the inspection, the property is identified as being in violation of the law, i.e. the grass and/or weeds are taller than 8 inches.
- The property owner is notified of the violation and given seven (7) days to address the problem.
- The Township inspector re-inspects the subject property after the 7-day compliance period.
- If the grass/weeds have not been cut, the Township proceeds to have this work done. Currently, a Township Employee completes this work.
- The cost to complete this work is certified with the Lucas County Auditor and placed on the property tax bill as an assessment to be collected as part of that bill.
- Monies collected by the Auditor as part of this process are returned to the Township. If a property appears to have tall grass and/or weeds in excess of eight inches in height, please contact the Zoning Office at 419.836.4510.