

**TOWN OF TRENTON
WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026.07.02
AMENDING §302-7 DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS**

WHEREAS, the Town Code states that the Town Board shall have the authority to enact and amend ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has identified that the noxious weed ordinance requires updating to be consistent with state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Trenton does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 302-7 of the Town of Trenton Municipal Code is amended by replacing §302-7 Destruction of noxious weeds with the following:

§302-7 Town of Trenton noxious weeds.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to provide for the control of noxious weeds in the town.
- B. Authority. The Town Board of the Town of Trenton, Washington County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under ss. [66.0407](#) and [66.0517](#), Wis. stats., and has the general authority under its village powers under s. [60.22](#), Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.
- C. Adoption. This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the regulation of noxious weeds in the town.
- D. Adoption of State weed law. Section 23.235 Nuisance weeds, §66.0407 Noxious weeds, and §66.0517 Weed Commissioner, Wis. Stats., are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this section as if fully set forth. Any action required to be performed or prohibited by said sections of the Wisconsin Statutes is required or prohibited by this section. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of said sections of the Wisconsin Statutes are intended to be made part of this section. A copy of said sections of the statutes of the State of Wisconsin and any future amendments thereto shall be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk or elsewhere in Town offices in the Town Hall, providing such copy is at all times readily available to the Town Clerk.
- E. Designation of noxious and unwelcome weeds. The following are designated as noxious and/or unwelcome weeds in the town:
 - (1) Canada thistle, leafy spurge, and field bindweed (creeping Jenny), as provided by s. [66.0407 \(1\) \(b\)](#), Wis. stats.
 - (2) Bull thistle
 - (3) Purple loosestrife
 - (4) Garlic mustard
 - (5) Multiflora rose
 - (6) Common and glossy buckthorn
- F. The town chairperson shall include those weeds designated as noxious weeds in the Noxious weed notice given annually under s. [66.0407 \(4\)](#), Wis. stats.
- G. Noxious or unwelcome weeds destruction.
 - (1) Under s. [66.0407 \(3\)](#), Wis. stats., and this ordinance, a person owning, occupying, or controlling land shall destroy all noxious weeds on the land.
 - (2) If after publication of the notice required under s. [66.0407 \(4\)](#), Wis. stats., the town board or town weed commissioner, after consultation with the town board,

determines after investigation of the conditions on the land that the persons owning, occupying, or controlling the land have failed to destroy all noxious weeds on the land, the town board may cause to be served upon any or all of those persons a copy of the notice required under s. [66.0407 \(4\)](#), Wis. stats., together with a statement commanding that the noxious weeds upon the land shall be destroyed within 15 days of the receipt of the notice or the person shall be subject to a forfeiture as provided in the Town of Trenton official schedule of bonds, deposits and fees. The notice and statement shall be served by registered or certified mail.

- (3) Any person upon whom a notice to destroy weeds is served under subsection (2) may request a hearing before the town board to challenge the reasonableness of the board's command to destroy weeds. The request for hearing shall be in writing and shall be filed with the town clerk on or before the expiration of the time to destroy the weeds as stated in the notice under subsection (2). In the event that a request for hearing is filed, the town board shall set a time and place for the hearing, not less than 5 days after the date the request for hearing is received by the town clerk, and notice of the time and place hearing shall be served upon the person requesting the hearing. No citation or complaint for the recovery a forfeiture under this section may be issued until the completion of the hearing. Every notice issued under subsection (2) shall contain a clear statement of the right to request a hearing as provided under this subsection.

Section 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

Adopted this 20th day of July 2026.

In favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

_____ ss/___ Mike Lipscomb, Town Chairperson

_____ ss/___ Tony Thoma, Town Supervisor

_____ ss/___ Barbara Davies, Town Supervisor

_____ ss/___ Attest, Cindy Komro, Town Clerk

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