

**MACON TOWNSHIP**

**ORDINANCE NO. 202403**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2 NUISANCE AND JUNK  
ORDINANCE**

THE TOWNSHIP OF MACON HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to clarify the prohibition against growing noxious weeds and to regulate the height of grasses in the Township for the public welfare, health, and safety.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF ORDINANCE NO. 2**

Article III of Ordinance No. 2, Nuisance and Junk Ordinance, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III GRASS AND NOXIOUS WEEDS**

- A. It is unlawful for the owner, occupant, or any person in charge of any lot or parcel of land within the township to allow rag weed, Canada Thistles, burdocks, crab grass, quack grass, wild growing bushes, milk weeds, wild carrots, oxeyes, daisies or any other noxious weeds to grow on that lot or parcel of land. Presence of such vegetation upon any lot or parcel of land within the township is a public nuisance and is adverse to public health, safety, and welfare.
- B. Notwithstanding the prohibition in subsection A, any person who cuts, removes, or destroys such vegetation at least once every three weeks between May 15 and September 15 of each year shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Section.
- C. Grass areas of all properties in the township must be maintained by the owner and/or occupant at a maximum height of eight (8) inches or less.
- D. The following are exceptions to the grass height requirements of subsection B:
  - 1. The area in violation is actively used as agricultural land; or,
  - 2. The area in violation is a wetland as that term is defined in the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, being MCL 324.101, *et seq.*, as amended.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any reason, that declaration does not affect the validity or all other sections of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. REPEALER.**

This Ordinance expressly repeals all township ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. Notwithstanding, any pending cases seeking to enforce Ordinance No. 2 shall remain pending and enforceable under Ordinance No. 2 until final disposition, including all available appeals.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance takes effect thirty (30) days after publication of this Ordinance or a summary of it as permitted by law.

YEAS: *Dean Montrief, Julia DeJonghe Marshall, Beth DeJonghe, Joe Rine, Charles Downing*  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:

**ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED ON June 3, 2024.**

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION**

I, Julia Dejonghe Marshall, the duly elected Clerk of the Township of Macon certify that the foregoing ordinance is a true and correct copy of the ordinance enacted by the Township Board of the Township of Macon on June 3, 2024, and published in The Tecumseh Herald, a newspaper circulated in the Township of Macon on June 6, 2024.

*Julia DeJonghe Marshall*  
Julia Dejonghe Marshall  
Township Clerk