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PART 1  
WEEDS

**§ 10-101. Certain Height Unlawful. [Ord. 8-95-407, 8/24/1995, § 101]**

It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership or corporation owning, occupying or having a present interest in any real estate in the Township of Salisbury, County of Lehigh, Pennsylvania, to maintain or allow to exist thereon any growth of weeds of a height of one foot or more or to the stage in growth thereof when they go to seed and any such growth of weeds is hereby declared to be a nuisance, injurious and detrimental to the health, safety, comfort and welfare of the inhabitants of said Township.

**§ 10-102. Exceptions. [Ord. 8-95-407, 8/24/1995, § 102]**

1. Parcels of land which are greater than one acre in size, or have slopes of greater than 15% shall not be required to fully comply with the weed ordinance by mowing or cutting the weeds over the entire lot.
  - A. A lot which does not abut an existing principal residential structure within 100 feet of its lot lines, or which exceeds 15% slopes, is not required to mow or cut any weeds upon the lot or comply with § 10-101, above, except that a setback of 10 feet must be kept clear of weeds from any public cartway.
  - B. A lot which abuts an existing principal residential structure within 100 feet of its lot lines and which does not exceed 15% slopes, is required to mow or cut the weeds to comply with § 10-101, above, for a minimum distance of 100 feet from such property lines into the interior of the property. The weeds must be cut at least 100 feet from any lot line which abuts a residential principle structure within 100 feet. In addition, a setback of 10 feet must be kept clear of weeds from any public cartway.
  - C. All other lots must fully comply with all provisions of this part.

**§ 10-103. Definitions. [Ord. 8-95-407, 8/24/1995, § 103]**

**GROWTH OF WEEDS** — Close and concentrated growth of weeds in and over a general area as opposed to individual or isolated sprouts or stalks of weeds.

**WEEDS** — All vegetable growth which exhales unpleasant and noxious odors or is not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose.

**§ 10-104. Notice to Be Given. [Ord. 8-95-407, 8/24/1995, § 104]**

If any growth of weeds prohibited by this Part is permitted to continue or exist after five days' written notice from the Salisbury Township Code Enforcement Officer to

the owner, occupier or person having a present interest in the real estate on which said growth of weeds exists to remove the same, the Code Enforcement Officer may cause the same to be cut and may assess the cost thereof against the person or persons to whom said notice was given, said cost to be recovered by an action in assumpsit or the filing of a lien or liens against the said real estate, or in any other manner as may be provided by law. The Township shall not be required to send a notice of violation to repeat offenders of this Part when the violation pertains to the same property owner who was the subject of a previous notice of violation within the preceding six month time period. The Township shall be permitted to file a compliant directly with the District Magistrate's office when this situation occurs and may proceed to cut the weeds and assess the property owner without additional prior notice.

**§ 10-105. Penalties. [Ord. 8-95-407, 8/24/1995, § 105]**

Any person, partnership or corporation violating the provisions of this Part shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 nor less than \$100 for each offense, in addition to the Court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the Township. Each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate and distinct violation of this Part.