

**VILLAGE OF COMBINED LOCKS
NOTICE OF ABATEMENT OF NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Destruction of Noxious Weeds: Pursuant to the Village of Combined Locks Code of Ordinances, notice is hereby given to each person who owns, occupies, or controls land in the Village of Combined Locks, Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin, to destroy all noxious weeds and to cut or remove the accumulation or growth of weeds, grass, brush, or other rank or offensive vegetation which has grown to a height greater than eight (8) inches. Such noxious weeds are: Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Field Bindweed (Creeping Jenny), and any weed designated as a noxious weed by the Department of Natural Resources per Wis. Stat. § 66.0407(1)(b), and any other weed the governing body of any municipality or the county board of any county by ordinance or resolution declares to be noxious within its respective boundaries.

Public Nuisance Declared: The Village Board finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds on non-agricultural lots or parcels of land, as classified under the Village Zoning Code, within the Village of Combined Locks which exceed eight (8) inches in length adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomfoting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard, and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, interferes with the public convenience and adversely affects property values of other land within the Village. For that reason, any non-agricultural lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds eight (8) inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, except for property located in a designated floodplain area and/or wetland area or where the lawn, grass or weed is part of a natural lawn approved pursuant to Village Ordinance Section 8-1-5.

Abatement of Nuisance: If the Weed Commissioner shall determine with reasonable certainty that any public nuisance as defined in Village Ordinance Section 8-1-6(b), he/she shall immediately cause written notice to be served that the Village proposes to have the lot grass or lawn cut so as to conform with this Section and Section 8-1-5. During the same growing season, there will be no other notice to property owners to abate. If a second complaint is received and substantiated during the same growing season regarding the same parcel of land, the Village or its contractor will cut the property and bill the owner for time, machinery and administrative costs. The Village Board has determined that it has zero tolerance regarding this issue – the abatement is the owner’s responsibility.

Ryan Swick
DPW Director/Weed Commissioner

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