

ORDINANCE NO. 38-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1377.01 OF THE CITY OF CONNEAUT CODIFIED ORDINANCES GOVERNING CUTTING OR REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in an effort to save the monarch butterfly, the City of Conneaut is participating in the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, which requires the planting of milkweed and critical plants for pollinators.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Conneaut, County of Ashtabula and State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Section 1377.01 of the City of Conneaut Codified Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

1377.01 CUTTING OR REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS REQUIRED.

For the purpose of this chapter:

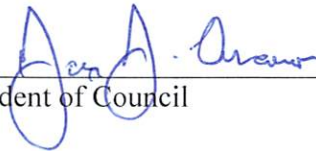
- (a) No owner, occupant, lessee, agent or any other person having the charge or management of any lot or parcel of land located within a residential, commercial or industrial district in the City, whether the same is improved, unimproved, vacant or occupied, within five (5) days after service upon him of written notice to do so, shall fail to cut or destroy or cause to be cut or destroyed any noxious or poisonous weeds or vines growing upon any such lot or parcel and to prevent the same from blooming, going to seed or exceeding a height of six inches (6").
- (b) It is hereby determined that weeds and vegetation such as, but not limited to, Russian, Canadian, or common thistle, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, ~~milkweed~~ and ironweed, as well as all other noxious weeds and grasses or other uncultivated types of vegetation growing to a height in excess of six inches (6") on any property situated within a residential, commercial or industrial district in the City from the first day of April to the first day of November of each year are a public nuisance.
- (c) As used in this chapter, "other noxious weeds" means and includes, grass over six inches (6") in height and wild plants capable of causing skin reactions upon contact or producing or aggravating hay fever, asthma, and allergic respiratory reactions or similar conditions in human beings.
- (d) The City Manager shall cause an annual notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County notifying the residents of the requirement of this chapter.

SECTION 2. That all other prior ordinances found to be inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council or any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure in the interests of public peace, health and safety and to allow for the planting and preservation of milkweed, and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Passed this 10TH day of APRIL, 2023.



President of Council

ATTEST:



Clerk of Council