

Ordinance # 17
AN ORDINANCE TO GOVERN AND CONTROL
THE GROWTH AND REMOVAL OF WEEDS

1. Definitions.

A. Weeds The word weeds as used in this ordinance shall be constructed to mean the noxious weeds as defined by the Statutes of the State of Minnesota and all such useless and troublesome plants as are commonly known as weeds to the general public.

B. Person The word person as used in this ordinance shall mean and include one or more persons of either sex, corporations, partnerships, associations societies, and all other entities of any kind capable of being sued.

2. All weeds growing upon any lot or parcel of land within the Village of Stockton are hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the health, safety and welfare of the Village of Stockton.

3. When the owner, and/or occupant permits a nuisance to exist in violation of the fore-going section, the Mayor or his assistants shall serve notice on the owner, occupant or agent of the owner of such lot or parcel of land, ordering such person to have such weeds cut and removed within ten (10) days after the service of such notice; such notice shall also state that in the event of non-compliance, removal will be done by the Village of Stockton at the owners expense. When no owner, occupant or agent of the owner can be found, notice shall be sent by Registered Mail to the person who is listed on the records of the County Auditor or County Treasurer as the owner; service will be complete with mailing.

4. If such person fails to comply with the notice within ten (10) days after service, or if no owner, occupant or agent can be found, the Mayor or his assistants shall have such weeds cut and removed or otherwise eradicated.

A record showing the cost of such work attributable to each separate lot or parcel shall be delivered to the Village Clerk on or before the first day of November of each year, the amount so charged against said lot or premises and the name of the supposed owner shall be certified to the County Auditor and shall be collected in the same manner as taxes or special assessments against said premises. The charge shall be a perpetual lien on the premises until paid.

5. Any person who shall fail or neglect to cut and remove or otherwise eradicate weeds as directed in this section, or who shall fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of any notice provided herein, or shall violate the provisions of this section, or who shall resist or obstruct the Mayor or his assistants in the cutting, removal, or eradication of weeds shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Every day on which such violation continues, shall constitute a separate offense.

6. In case any section of this ordinance is held invalid, by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall extend only to the section affected and other sections of the ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

7. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its adoption and publication.

Passed by the Council of Village of Stockton, Minnesota, this day _____ of _____, 1971.

Attest: _____
Clerk

Mayor