



**PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Ordinance No. 2023-11

At a regular meeting of the Township Board for Plainfield Charter Township held on December 11, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m., a motion was made by Township Board Member Lowenthal, and was seconded by Township Board Member Pfaff to enact and adopt the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, SECTION 302.3 OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (SECTION 8-121), CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD, KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN, TO ADDRESS MAINTENANCE OF WEEDS, GRASS, AND OTHER VEGETATION.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLAINFIELD (the “Township”) ORDAINS:

Section 1. Enactment of Chapter 3, Sections 302.3. That Chapter 3, Section 302.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code in Section 8-121 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Plainfield, Kent County, Michigan, is hereby modified to read as follows:

302.3 Weeds, Grass, and Other Vegetation. The premises and exterior property areas shall be maintained as follows:

1. Free from weeds and grass more than eight inches (8”) in height shall be maintained in the following areas:
 - (a) For all properties developed for residential use where a traditional lawn has been established or where the property has been cleared or graded for intended improvements.
 - (b) The front 25 feet, measured from the improved right-of-way, of parcels and units in residential plats and site condominiums, and residential planned unit developments in which over 85 percent of the lots or units have been developed. For corner lots, parcels or units, the front 25 feet shall be measured from both improved rights-of-way.
 - (c) The front 150 feet, measured from the improved right-of-way, of any lot, parcel, unit, or tract zoned or used for non-residential purposes, including vacant properties. For corner lots, parcels or units, the front 150 feet shall be measured from both improved rights-of-way.

2. Any bush, shrub, tree or other vegetation or portion thereof shall not obstruct the line of vision or interfere with the passage of pedestrians or motorists on a sidewalk, walkway, driveway, street, service drive, interior maneuvering lane, parking lot, or public street sign.
3. For every property that is to be maintained under this section, the required maintenance is to include the area between the owner's front property line and improved public or private road.
4. Noxious weeds shall be prohibited on premises and exterior property areas under all circumstances.
5. The Community Development Department, for reasons of topography, stormwater, unique features, planned redevelopment or similar circumstances, may defer or waive enforcement of one or all these requirements for both residential and non-residential properties.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the expiration seven days after its publication or upon the publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

The vote to approve and enact this Ordinance was as follows:

YEAS: Batey, Brinkman, Hagedorn, Pfaff, Morrow, Lowenthal, Coleman

NAYS: None

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED ADOPTED AND ENACTED.

CERTIFICATION

I attest that the above ordinance was adopted by the Township Board for Plainfield Charter Township on the date and time specified above pursuant to the required statutory procedures.



Cathleen Lowenthal, Clerk