

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHANCEFORD REQUIRING THE MOWING OF RESIDENTIAL LOTS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

**BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. NAME – This ordinance shall be known as the “Chanceford Township Weed Control Ordinance.”

Section 2. PURPOSE– It is hereby declared that the purpose and intent of this ordinance is to promote the general health, welfare and safety of residents of Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania by requiring the mowing of residential lots so as to control the spread of pollen, the spread of noxious weed seed, the maintenance of a pleasing, aesthetic environment in residential areas and the control of rodents, snakes and other undesirable forms of life which develop in unattended properties.

Section 3. FINDINGS OF FACT – The Chanceford Township Board of Supervisors finds as a fact that the unrestrained growth of grass, weeds and other vegetation (excluding woodland) on residential lots not being planted to agricultural crops is a nuisance in the Township.

Section 4. RESIDENTIAL LOTS – For purposes of this ordinance “residential lots” shall include all lots or parcels of land approved by the Chanceford Township Board of Supervisors for residential development pursuant to the “Chanceford Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance” enacted April 23, 1977, or pursuant to the Chanceford Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance enacted April 6, 1983 or on the Chanceford Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance enacted on August 12, 1992, and the amendments to such ordinances and shall include all other lots or parcels two (2) acres or less in size which are improved with a dwelling.

Section 5. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL LOTS – Each owner of a residential lot in Chanceford Township shall keep such lot mowed so that grass, weeds, or other vegetation other than planted trees and shrubbery does not exceed eight (8) inches of length of vegetative growth. This mowing requirement shall not apply to that portion of any residential lot which has been planted to an agricultural crop during the calendar year in question, provided the crop has been or will be harvested as an agricultural crop during such calendar year, nor shall it apply to that portion of any residential lot occupied by woodland or by buildings or to any land currently being pastured.

Section 6. FAILURE TO MOW AS REQUIRED – In the event the owner or owners of a residential lot shall fail to mow such lot as required by Section 5 of this ordinance, the township shall have the right to, but shall not be obligated to, enter onto such residential lot for the purpose of performing the mowing as required by this ordinance without liability to the owner or owners of such residential lot for any damages

which may occur to the property of such owner or owners. The cost of such entry and mowing together with a penalty of ten (10%) percent of the amount thereof shall be paid by the owner or owners of the residential lot in question within ten (10) days from the date of notification thereof, and upon failure to pay the same such costs and penalty together with reasonable attorney's fees for collection shall be entered as liens against the residential lot in question in the Office of the Prothonotary or such other office which at that time may be responsible for the maintenance of records of municipal liens and may be collected in the manner provided by law for the collection of municipal liens.

Section 7. Any owner or owners of a residential lot which shall fail to mow as required by the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty in the amount of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars for each and every offense. Each and every day that a residential lot is not mowed in violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be considered a separate and distinct offense and shall be subject to separate and distinct penalties hereunder.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE – This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

Section 9. Prior ordinance entitled “Chanceford Township Weed Ordinance” enacted July 8, 1996, is repealed in its entirety.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Chanceford Township, York County, Pennsylvania, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

CHANCEFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By: /s/ David R. Warner, Sr.