

RESOLUTION

2023 – 7

REVISION OF 2014-1 WEED COMPLAINT

The purpose of this policy is to establish a rate for weed control from Van Buren Township Trustee’s Office. This policy will be performed and charged to property owner in the event of detrimental plants or vegetation being removed in accordance with Indiana Code 15-16-8-1.

NOTICE TO DESTROY WEEDS

Date _____
Location _____
Owner _____

Indiana Code 15-16-8-1 provides that a person owning or possessing real estate in Indiana shall destroy detrimental plants. In residential areas this includes grass, noxious weeds and rank vegetation.

It has been brought to our attention that the property identified above has vegetation which needs to be removed.

Indiana Code 15-16-8-4 requires you to destroy the detrimental plants within five (5) days of this notice.

If the detrimental plants are not destroyed within five (5) days, the Trustee:

- Shall cause the plants to be destroyed
- May hire someone to do the work
- May enter your real estate to do the work without liability for damage to the property
- Trustee will mail you a bill for the expense of the work, the property may be charged \$20 per day if the work has to be supervised by the Trustee or the Trustee’s agent per IC 15-16-8-1 [a 1 (C)]?

1/4 acre that is flat terrain, and grass not grown up to 8 inches high, the Township can charge up to \$50.00. If it is one acre and flat terrain, the Township can charge \$100.00.

For rough terrain and/or when grass or detrimental plant are over 8 inches high, the Township can, for lots of ¼ acre to ¾ acre, the Township charge between \$75.00 to \$100.00. If the Township has to clean trash or debris before vegetation can be removed it can charge \$200.00

If anything is more involved, then the Township can charge for time and material at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.

The Township can also add administrative fees charged pertinent to the law.

If the bill is not paid within ten (10) days, it will be added to your tax duplicate.

You can save yourself money and save us work by complying with the law and destroying the detrimental plants within five (5) days. Please do so.

Township Board:

Adopted this 16 day of August, 2023.

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Theresa Dote
William E. Smith

ATTEST:

Bita Barrow

Trustee