

ORDINANCE NO. 261

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST NORRITON TO PERIODICALLY CUT TALL WEEDS AND OBNOXIOUS OR OBJECTIONABLE VEGETATION, AND TO PERIODICALLY REMOVE TRASH, GARBAGE AND DEBRIS AND DECLARING THE SAME TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE WHICH REQUIRES THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

The Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, under and by virtue of the authority granted by the Second Class Township Code, do hereby enact and ordain:

Section 1. Prohibited Accumulations and Height Restriction.

A. It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or occupant, or any agent, servant, representative or employee of any such owner, lessee or occupant, having control of any developed building lot or plot of land or any part thereof located within the Township of East Norriton, to permit or maintain on any such lot or plot of land or on or along the sidewalk, street or alley adjacent to the same, any growth of weeds, grass or brush, including, but not limited to, ragweed, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots and obnoxious growths to a height greater than ten (10) inches.

B. It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee or occupant, or any agent, servant, representative or employee of any such owner, lessee or occupant, having control of any undeveloped building lot or plot of land or any part thereof located within the Township of East Norriton, to permit or maintain on any such lot or plot of land or on or along the sidewalk, street or alley adjacent to the same, any growth of weeds, grass or brush, including, but not limited to, ragweed, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots and obnoxious growths to a height greater than twelve (12) inches.

C. It shall also be unlawful for any such person or persons to cause, suffer or allow poison ivy, ragweed or other poisonous plants or plants detrimental to health to grow on any such lot or plot of land in such manner that any part of such poison ivy, ragweed or other poisonous weed shall extend upon, overhang or border any public place.

D. It shall be unlawful for any such person or persons to cause, suffer or allow the accumulation of filth, garbage, trash and debris upon any developed or undeveloped lot, unless maintained in an appropriate container.

Section 2. Cutting and Removal Required.

It shall be the duty of any owner, lessee or occupant of any such lot or plot of land located within the Township of East Norriton to cut and remove or cause to be cut and removed all such weeds, brush and grass or other rank, poisonous or harmful vegetation, and filth, garbage, trash and debris as set forth in Section 1 as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 1.

Section 3. Items Not to be Placed or Disposed of on Land.

No person shall place, dispose of or cause to be placed or disposed of any brush, weeds, dead or dying trees, stumps, roots or obnoxious growths on any land within the Township of East Norriton.

Section 4. Notice to Remove.

A. Whenever any brush, weeds, grass, trash and debris, as set forth in Section 1 above, have been allowed to accumulate on lands lying within the limits of the Township of East Norriton, and the Fire Marshal, Chief of Police or Code Enforcement Officer shall deem it necessary and expedient for the preservation of the public health, safety or general welfare, or to eliminate a fire hazard, to remove or destroy the same, the said Fire Marshal, Chief of Police or Code Enforcement Officer shall give the owner or tenant or occupant of any such lands five (5) days' written notice to remove or destroy the same.

B. If such land shall be occupied by either the owner or tenant, written notice shall be given to such owner or tenant personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

C. If such land shall not be occupied, written notice shall be sent to the assessed owner of said land at his or her last known residence as shown in the office of the Tax Collector in and for the Township of East Norriton, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Section 5. Removal of Debris by Township; Cost Chargeable Against Property.

A. If any owner or tenant or occupant shall refuse or neglect to remove or destroy the brush, weeds, grass or trash and debris, as defined within Section 1 above within the time limited by said Notice as provided in Section 4 above, then the Fire Marshal, Chief of Police or Code Enforcement Officer may remove or destroy or cause to be removed or destroyed under his or her direction all such accumulations as hereinbefore set forth.

B. The officer removing or destroying or causing to be removed or destroyed said accumulations shall certify the cost thereof to the Board of Supervisors of the Township of East Norriton, and upon such certification, if found to be correct, the cost as shown thereon shall, by resolution, be charged against such lands.

C. Upon passage of said resolution, the assessment so charged shall forthwith become a lien on such lands and shall be added to and become a part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon said lands, the same to bear interest at the same rate as taxes, and shall be collected and enforced by the same officers and in the same manner as taxes.

Section 6. Violations and Penalties.

A. Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than \$300. for each separate offense.

B. The continuation of such violation for each successive day shall constitute a separate offense, and the person or persons allowing or permitting the continuation of the violation may be punished as provided above for each separate offense.

Section 7. Repealer.

All ordinances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 8. Severability.

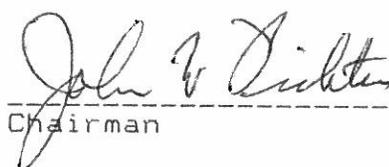
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any of its provisions shall be held to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court or administrative or governmental agency of competent jurisdiction, the decision of any such court, administrative or governmental agency shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

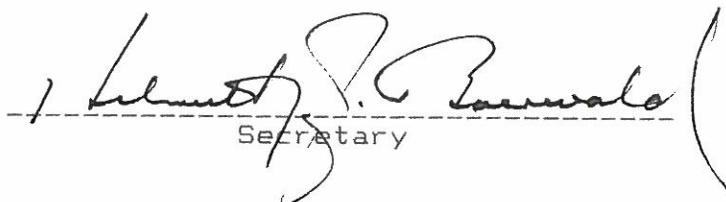
ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of East Norriton Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, this 28th day of March, 1988.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP



Chairman

ATTEST:



Secretary