## 13.050 Removal of Noxious Weeds.

- (1) "Noxious Weeds" Defined.
  - (a) In addition to those noxious weeds listed in Wis. Stat. § <u>66.0407</u>, the following are hereby declared to be noxious weeds in the City of Manitowoc:
    - 1. Perennial sow thistle:
    - 2. Wild and Indian mustard;
    - 3. Quack grass; and
    - 4. Ragweed.
  - (b) In addition, any grasses, lawns or weeds of any kind over eight inches (8") in height are declared to be noxious weeds, unless no portion of the tax parcel on which they are located lies within 200 feet of any other owner's dwelling unit or commercial building. In the case of property adjacent to a street right-of-way, any grasses, lawns or weeds of any kind over eight inches (8") in height are declared to be noxious weeds if they are located in either of the following areas:
    - 1. In areas where there is no sidewalk, within 10 feet from the curb or other termination of the edge of the roadway; or
    - 2. In areas with sidewalk, between the sidewalk and the curb and within 10 feet from the inside portion of the sidewalk.
- (2) Notification for Removal of Noxious Weeds. In the event of an ordinance violation, the City's Weed Commissioner shall send a notice ("Weed/Grass Violation Notice") to the property owner and they shall be allowed five business days from the date of the notice to perform the work. After this time, if the work has not been completed, the Department of Public Works will cut the weeds/grass. Prior to cutting the weeds/grass, the Department of Public Works will take photos of the weed/grass violation and will place a door hanger at the dwelling.

The City's Weed Commissioner will only send one notice per year.

(3) Cost of Removal. If the Department of Public Works removes noxious weeds that have not been removed by the property owner in the allotted time, the property owner shall be assessed for the cost of removal. The minimum assessment for any weed cutting against any property shall be \$300.00. For any weed/grass cutting that takes longer than 60 minutes, there were be an additional charge of time and material at a full-time rate. Charges will be collected as a tax pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.0517.

[Ord. 12-396 §§ 1, 2, 3, 2012. Prior code § 13.05]

The Manitowoc Municipal Code is current through Ordinance 17-639, passed June 9, 2017.

Disclaimer: The City Clerk's Office has the official version of the Manitowoc Municipal Code. Users should contact the City Clerk's Office for ordinances passed subsequent to the ordinance cited above.

**Code Renumbering:** The City of Manitowoc reformatted their code in 2011. If you are looking for the text of an ordinance under the previous numbering system, please look to the cross-reference table (ManitowocOT/ManitowocOTA.html) .

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