

**TOWN OF MILLHOUSEN
ORDINANCE 2026-2**

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING REMOVAL
OF WEEDS AND RANK VEGETATION
WITHIN THE TOWN OF MILLHOUSEN, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 36-7-10-1-3 authorizes a town council to require the owners of real property within a town to cut and remove weeds and other rank vegetation growing on the property;

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Town Council of Millhousen, Indiana:

Section One. As used in this ordinance, “weeds and other rank vegetation” does not include agricultural crops, such as hay and pasture.

Section Two. “Weeds and rank vegetation” shall include Canada thistle, Johnson grass, sorghum alumun, bur cucumber, shattercane, and noxious weeds growing in a residential area.

Section Three. The owner of any real estate within the town shall cut and remove any weeds and rank vegetation growing at a height of ten (10) inches or more or grass at a height of ten (10) inches or more.

Section Four. Upon request of the town council, the town clerk shall send a written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner of real estate upon noxious weeds or rank vegetation is growing. The notice shall specify a date, no sooner than ten (10) days after the date of the notice is mailed, for cutting or destruction of the weeds or rank vegetation. The notice shall inform the owner that if the weeds or rank vegetation are not cut or destroyed by the date stated on the notice, the town council shall cause them to be cut or moved in a reasonable and practical manner as determined by the town council.

Section Five. If the weeds or rank vegetation are not cut or destroyed within the time allowed by the notice, the town council may cause them to be cut or destroyed and may hire a person to enter onto the real estate for that purpose. The persons entering the property to cut or destroy rank vegetation are not civilly or criminally liable for damage to other property while on the premises, except for gross negligence or willful or wanton destruction.

Section Six. The person who preforms the work shall submit an itemized bill to the town clerk, who shall pay the bill from town funds. The town clerk shall then send by

certified mail to the owner of real estate a certified statement of costs, which shall include all costs for mailing notices.

Section Seven. If the owner does not pay the amount set forth in the statement within two (2) weeks after receiving it, the town clerk shall file a copy of the certified statement in the office of the county auditor. The auditor shall place the total amount certified on the tax duplicate for the property from which rank vegetation was removed, and the total amount shall be collected and shall be disbursed to the general fund of the town.

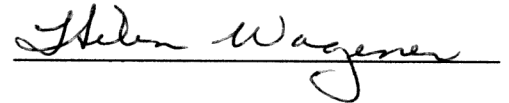
ADOPTED this 7 day of April, 20 26.

Town Council of Millhousen

Attest:



Council President



Clerk/Treasurer



Council Vice President