

TOWNSHIP OF AMITY  
BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 27

Jan. 6, 1967

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 18 AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION, REQUIRING THE REMOVAL, TRIMMING OR CUTTING THEREOF BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE SAME IS GROWING, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, OR BY THE TOWNSHIP, AT THE EXPENSE OF SUCH OWNER OR OCCUPANT IN DEFAULT, AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

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The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, hereby enacts and ordains as follows:

SECTION 1.

No person, firm or corporation, owning or occupying any property within the Township of Amity, shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of six (6) inches, or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor, or to conceal any filthy deposit, or to create or produce pollen. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises in the Township in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of the Township.

SECTION 2.

The owner of any premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of the first section of this ordinance.

SECTION 3.

The Township Supervisors, or any officer or employee of the Township designated thereby for the purpose, is hereby authorized to give notice, by advertising one time in one newspaper of general circulation in the Township, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises whereon grass, weeds or other vegetation is growing or remaining in violation of the provisions of the first section of this ordinance, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, so as to conform to the requirements of this ordinance, on or before June 15th and August 15th, respectively, of each and every year. In case any person, firm or corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice on or before June 15th and August 15th, respectively, as hereinbefore set forth, the Township authorities may remove, trim or cut such grass, weeds or vegetation, and the cost thereof, together with any additional penalty authorized by law, may be collected by the Township from such person, firm or corporation, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 4.

Any person, firm or corporation who or which shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and costs of prosecution. PROVIDED, each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense and notice to the offender shall not be necessary in order to constitute an offense.

SECTION 5.

It is hereby declared that the enactment of this Ordinance is necessary for the protection, benefit, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Township.

SECTION 6.

All other ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith, especially Ordinance No. 18 adopted on the 7th day of July, 1962, shall be and the same hereby are expressly repealed.

DULY ENACTED and ORDAINED this 6th day of January, 1967, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Amity, Berks County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TOWNSHIP OF AMITY, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

s/ D. Gene Hafer

s/ Gerald D. Weidner

s/ John C. Karst  
Supervisors.

ATTEST:

s/ John C. Karst  
Secretary

(SEAL)