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ORDINANCE NO. 03-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, FAYETTE COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA RESTRICTING THE HEIGHT OF VEGETATION GENERALLY;  
PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES  
FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the  
Supervisors of Washington Township as follows:

Section 1. No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within  
Washington Township shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible  
or planted for some ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a  
height of ten (10) inches.

Section 2. No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying any property within  
Washington Township shall permit any hedge, shrub, tree, plant or other vegetation to grow to  
the extent that the same impedes, restricts or interferes with the safe operation of motor vehicles  
being operated upon the streets or alleys of Washington Township.

Section 3. The owner of any premises, or the occupant of premises occupied by other  
than the owner, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds, hedges, shrubs, trees, plants or other  
vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of Section 1  
or Section 2.

Section 4. A Washington Township Supervisor, or any officer, police officer, or  
employee of Washington Township is hereby authorized to give notice, by personal service or by  
United States Mail, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises whereon a  
violation of this ordinance is occurring, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to  
conform to the requirements of this ordinance within five (5) days after issuance of such notice.  
Whenever, in the judgment of the Supervisors of Washington Township it shall appear to be  
impracticable to give notice as above provided, either because the owner or occupant cannot  
readily be found or because a search for the owner or occupant would entail unreasonable delay,  
a Supervisor or any officer, police officer or employee of Washington Township may give notice  
by posting conspicuously on the property where such condition exists, a notice or order directing  
and requiring that the condition be abated within five (5) days. In case any person, firm or  
corporation shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within the period of time  
stated therein, the Board of Supervisors may order the removal, trimming or cutting of such  
grass, weeds, hedges, shrubs, trees, plants or other vegetation, and the cost thereof, together  
with a penalty of ten (10%) percent of the cost thereof shall be collected by Washington  
Township from such person, firm or corporation, in the manner provided by law.

Section 5. Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this

ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine on not less than Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and not more than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars and in default of payment, to undergo imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days. Each day that a violation of this ordinance continues after notice shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 6. If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Supervisors of Washington Township that this ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 7. The ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED ND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township at a regular meeting thereof, a quorum being present, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

BY: Melvin Allen Weiss  
Melvin Allen Weiss, Chairman

BY: John C. Yetsconish  
John C. Yetsconish

BY: Joanne Latkanich  
Joanne Latkanich

ATTEST:

Joanne Latkanich  
Secretary