

## **CHAPTER 10**

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**VEGETATIVE GROWTH**

**§10-101. Vegetative Growth Restricted.**

No person, firm or corporation owning or occupying an property within the City of Lock Haven shall permit any grass or weeds or any other vegetation whatsoever to grow or remain upon such premises to exceed a height of 8 inches, subject only to the following exceptions:

- A. Vegetation which is edible and cultivated for that purpose shall be permitted to exceed a height of 8 inches.
- B. Vegetative growth commonly recognized as having an ornamental purpose shall be permitted.
- C. For the purpose of this Part, trees, bushes and hedges shall not be considered vegetation subject to the height limitation.
- D. The use of native plant species for aesthetic reasons or introduced plant species to attract and aid wildlife may be planted and cultivated; provided, such planting shall be maintained by the owner of the premises.
- E. The planting, cultivating or maintenance of plant growth to offset and control any soil loss problems both occurring or predicted shall be permitted.
- F. Noxious weeds prohibited by the Noxious Weed Control Law, 3 P.S §255.8, as amended, or as it may be amended in the future, or by regulations of the Department of Agriculture shall not be permitted to grow within the City of Lock Haven either generally or as exceptions to the height limitations set forth above.

*(Ord. 494B, 9/11/1995, §I)*

**§10-102. Responsibility for Controlling Vegetative Growth.**

The owner or occupant of any premises, whether vacant or occupied, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premise in violation of the provisions of §10-101 of this Part.

*(Ord. 494B, 9/11/1995, §II)*

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### **§10-103. Annual Notice to Control Vegetative Growth.**

On or before April 20 of each year, the Chief of Police shall give notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Lock Haven, ordering removal or trimming of said grass and weeds or other vegetation. This shall be the only notice given and if the same is not adhered to by the owner or occupant of any property during that period, the City of Lock Haven may take necessary steps to bring said premise in conformity with §10-101 and collect the costs thereof, as provided herein.

*(Ord. 494B, 9/11/1995, §III)*

### **§10-104. Curb Lines to be Kept Clear of Vegetative Growth.**

It shall be unlawful for any owner, tenant, occupant or agent of any lot of land, house or tenement in the City of Lock Haven to allow or permit any weeds or brushes to grow and remain upon that portion of the street or alley immediately in front or adjoining said premises between the property line of such street or alley in the outer edge of the roadway of such street or alley commonly known as the curb line. It is the intent and meaning of this Part that a portion of streets or alleys between the property line and the outer edge of the roadway, commonly known as the curb line, which space is ordinarily occupied by lawns, sidewalks and shade trees, shall be clipped clean and clear of all kinds of weeds, bushes and refuse by the owner, tenant, occupant or agent of the property immediately abutting such space under a penalty for the violation as provided herein.

*(Ord. 494B, 9/11/1995, §IV)*

### **§10-105. Penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50, nor more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

*(Ord. 494B, 9/11/1995, §IV; as amended by Ord. 670, 2/24/2003, §1)*

### **§10-106. City May Do Work Upon Certain Conditions.**

The City may abate any violation of this Part and shall charge all costs therefore, plus 10% of said costs, to the person, firm or corporation convicted of said violation; provided, however, said person, firm or corporation shall first have, upon conviction, 7 days to abate said violation, before City may perform the same.

*(Ord. 494B, 9/11/1995, §V)*