

VILLAGE OF RIPLEY, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 1144

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 93.40 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF RIPLEY TO REGULATE WEED CONTROL  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Ripley, Brown County, Ohio, two-thirds (2/3) or more of all members thereof concurring as follows:

SECTION 1. That existing Subsection 93.40 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Ripley be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. That the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Ripley be amended to include new Subsection 93.40, which shall be a part of Title IX, GENERAL REGULATIONS, Chapter 93, Nuisances, as follows:

93.40 KEEPING DOWN WEEDS.

(A) Except as provided in Subsection 93.40(D) of this Ordinance, any person owning or having charge of land within the municipality shall keep such property free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation and shall be required to cut all such weeds and vegetation on the lots owned or controlled by him or her at least four times in every year, once during the thirty days immediately preceding May 15; once during the thirty days immediately preceding June 15; once during the thirty days immediately preceding July 30; and once during the thirty days immediately preceding September 15.

(B) Noxious weeds and rank vegetation shall include but not be limited to:

(1) Any weeds such as the following:

*Noxious Weeds*

Buckthorn	Musk Thistle
Canada Thistle	Oxeye Daisy
Columbus Grass	Perennial Sowthistle
Corncockle	Poison Hemlock
Cressleaf Groundsel	Purple Loosestrife
Curly Dock	Quackgrass
Dodder	Russian Knapweed
Field Bindweed	Russian Thistle
French Weed	Serrated Tussock
Hairy Whitetop (Ballcress)	Shatter Cane
Hedge Bindweed	Wild Carrot
Heart-podded Hoary Cress	Wild Garlic

Horsenettle  
Johnsongrass  
Leafy Spurge  
Mile-A-Minute Weed

Wild Mustard  
Wild Onion  
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(2) Grapevines when growing in groups of 100 or more and not pruned, sprayed, cultivated, or otherwise maintained for two consecutive years;  
(O.A.C. §§ 901:5-31-01 and 901:5-37-01) (Rev. 2000)

(3) Bushes of the species of tall, common, or European barberry, further known as *berberis vulgaris* or its horticultural varieties;

(4) Any weeds, grass, or plants (other than trees, bushes, flowers, or other ornamental plants maintained as a part of a landscaping plan) growing to a height exceeding 8 inches.

(C) As used in subsection 93.40(B)(4), the words, “maintained as a part of a landscaping plan” is intended to permit the cultivation of such vegetation in designated planting beds and areas for decorative purposes. It shall not be intended to permit the unregulated or unrestrained growth of such vegetation upon a property so as to create a nuisance to neighboring properties.

(D) The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply under the following circumstances:

(1) To that portion of any lots or land within the Municipality which are naturally wooded and tree covered such that the existing trees, bushes and similar vegetation have the effect of shading out the noxious weeds and rank vegetation intended to be curtailed by the operation of the Ordinance;

(2) To that portion of any lots or land within the Municipality which are maintained and cultivated for agricultural purposes.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Ripley and more particularly to control noxious weeds and rank vegetation within the Village of Ripley and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED: July 8, 2003

Katherine D. Gast, Mayor

ATTEST:

Hilda Frebis, Clerk