

MARATHON TOWNSHIP

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WEED ORDINANCE NUMBER 84-2

An ordinance to require the periodic cutting of weeds and grass on parcels of land in the Township of Marathon in order to prevent fires, eliminate blight, and protect the public health, safety and welfare.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON ORDAINS:

Section 1. BUILDING SITES Grass and weeds within fifty feet of any building shall be regularly cut so that the height of the grass and weeds does not exceed six (6) inches. Farm buildings other than occupied dwellings, shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

Section 2. VACANT LOTS Grass and weeds on all vacant lots within the Township shall be regularly cut so that the height of the grass and weeds does not exceed six (6) inches. For **purposes of this section, the term? vacant lots? shall mean any lot located within a platted subdivision or land zones R& RM.**

Section 3. ENFORCEMENT The Township Board shall administer this ordinance. Whenever the Township Board becomes aware of a lot or parcel which is in violation of this ordinance, said Township Board shall send a written notice to the owner and occupant ten days to comply with the ordinance requirements. In event that the owner or occupant does not comply within the ten day period, the Township Board may contract to have someone mow the lot or parcel. The cost of said mowing shall be billed to the property owner.

Section 4. TAX LIEN In the event that the property owner does not pay any mowing bill rendered pursuant to the previous section, the tax assessor shall place said mowing billing, together with a \$10.00 processing fee, on the tax roll for said lot or parcel.

Section 5. MISDEMEANOR Violations of this ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 and / or a jail sentence not to exceed ten days in the county jail.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Marathon hereby certify that this ordinance was duly adopted by the Marathon Township Board at a meeting held on the 13th day of March, 1984 and was published in the LakeVille Aerial on the 27th day of March, 1984.

Howard Folsom, Supervisor
Laura J. Ring, Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 84-2**

An Ordinance to amend the Marathon Township Ordinance No. 84-2 which requires periodic cutting of weeds and grass within the Township changing the penalty for violations from a criminal misdemeanor to a municipal civil infraction.

THE TOWNSHIP OF MARATHON ORDAINS:

Section 5 of the Marathon Township Ordinance No 84-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5 Any person, firm, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than Fifty (\$50) Dollars, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. Repeat offenses under this Ordinance shall be subject to increased fines as provided by Ordinance No. 96-2.

The undersigned Supervisor and Clerk of the Township of Marathon hereby certify that this Ordinance Amendment was duly adopted by the Township board at a meeting held on the 12th day of November, 1996 and published in the Lapeer County Press on the 27th day of November, 1996. This Ordinance Amendment shall be effective 30 days after said date of publication.

Howard Folsom, Supervisor
Laura Ring, Clerk