

**CITY OF MONTROSE  
ORDINANCE NO. 464**

**An ordinance amending Chapter 22, Article VII of the City of Montrose Code of Ordinances, known as “Noxious Weeds and Growth Prohibited”.**

**SECTION I - AMENDMENT**

**THE CITY OF MONTROSE ORDAINS THAT:**

**Sec. 22-214 “Definitions” shall read as follows:**

For the purpose of this article, "Noxious weeds" shall include, but not limited to: Canada Thistle (Cirsium Arvense), Dodders (any species of Cuscuta), Mustards (Charlock, Black Mustard and Indian Mustard, species of Brassica or Sinapis), Wild Carrot (Daucus Carota), Bindweed (Convolvulus Arvensis), Perennial Sowthistle (Sonchus Arvensis, Hoary Alyssum) Berteroa (Incana), Ragweed (Ambrosia Elatior 1.) and Poison Ivy (Rhus Toxicodendron), Poison Sumac (Toxicodendron Vernix), common grasses and brush growing in height exceeding six (6) inches, together with all other noxious plants that in the opinion of the city council and coming under the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act, Public Act 359 of 1941, as amended (MCL 247.61 et seq.), is regarded as a common nuisance..

**Sec. 22-215 “Duty of owners,” paragraph (b) shall read as follows:**

(b) It shall be the duty of every person who owns any aforementioned subdivided land or land along public streets and roads or improved streets in common usage, for a depth of 125 feet from the center line of the street or the depth of the lot whichever is the lesser, within the corporate limits of the city to cut down on said land all grass, noxious and poisonous weeds growing thereon, at least four times each year, once before the first day of June, July, August and September, to prevent such grass and weeds from going to seed or to blossom, as the case may be and to prevent such dead grass and brush from becoming a fire hazard. No person shall allow any weeds or grass to exceed six, (6) inches in height. No brush or cut limbs shall be placed in ditches or within the curb line of any city streets. Properties that are woodland, forest or wetlands, and which are specially identified in subsection 22-215(f) of this article are exempt from the requirement to cut down and mow grass and weeds to a depth of 125 feet. Instead, said persons shall cut and mow weeds and grass to a depth of 40 feet from the center line of the road.

**Sec. 22-216. “Noxious weeds and growth prohibited,” paragraph (a) shall read as follows:**

No person owning or occupying any land within the city shall permit or maintain any growth of noxious weeds; or any growth of grass or other rank vegetation to a height greater than six, (6) inches. Improved lots shall be required to cut such growth for a depth of 125 feet or the depth of the lot, whichever is less. Unimproved lots shall cut to a depth of 40 feet from the centerline of the street.

**SECTION II - SEVERABILITY**

If any part of the ordinance shall be determined to be unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that part shall be deemed to be severed and removed from the body of this ordinance, and the rest shall remain in full force and effect.

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**SECTION III - PRIOR ORDINANCES**

All City ordinances and resolutions or a part thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION IV - EFFECTIVE DATE**

The ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Montrose, Genesee County, Michigan, and shall become effective upon publication.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026 after publication.

Date of Adoption: January 27, 2026

Date of Publication: February 8, 2026

ON **MOTION** DULY MADE BY: Council Member Robert Arnold and Second by  
Council Member Melissa Hoose;

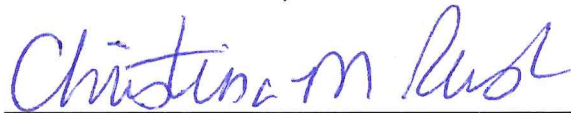
YEAS: Melissa Hoose, Ryan Heslop, Robert Arnold, Lori Machuk,  
and Mayor Tom Banks

NAYS: Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Richard and Todd Pangle

MADE AND PASSED by the City of Montrose on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 by a vote of five (5) yeas and two (2) nay's.



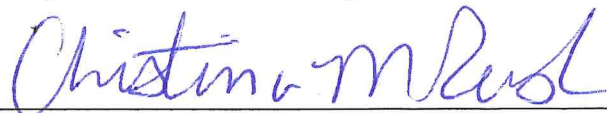
THOMAS J. BANKS, CITY MAYOR



CHRISTINA M. RUSH, CITY CLERK

**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION**

I, Christina Rush, Clerk for the City of Montrose do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 464 was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Montrose held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026 at the Montrose City Office at 139 S. Saginaw Street, Montrose, Michigan.



CHRISTINA M. RUSH, CITY CLERK