

**TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS  
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1**

**AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 10  
PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE**

WHEREAS, the Town Board finds that lawns, grasses and noxious weeds which exceed eight (8) inches in height adversely affect the public health and safety of the public in that they tend to emit pollen and other discomfoting bits of plants, constitute a fire hazard and a safety hazard in that debris can be hidden in the grass, and interfere with the public convenience and adversely affect property values of other land;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Town Board of the Town of Manitowoc Rapids, pursuant to Sections 60.10 (2)(c) and 60.22, Wis. Stats., and its village powers under Section 61.34, Wis. Stat., hereby amends Ordinance No. 10, Public Nuisance Ordinance as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 10.03 (5) is repealed and re-created as follows:

10.03 (5) NOXIOUS WEEDS AND GRASS. All noxious weeds and other rank and over abundant growth of vegetation. All weeds and grass shall be kept cut to a height not to exceed eight (8) inches.

SECTION 2. Section 10.06 (3) ABATEMENT AFTER NOTICE is amended by adding the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of a nuisance determined under Sec. 10.03(5), notice shall be served as herein to remove the nuisance within five (5) days, and if such nuisance is not removed within five (5) days, the proper officer shall cause the nuisance to be removed as provided in sub (2).

SECTION 3. Section 10.10 PENALTY is amended by adding the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the penalty for a violation of Sec. 10.03(5) is \$200 for the first offense; \$300 for the second offense; \$500 for the third and subsequent offenses, together with statutory costs and costs of prosecution.

SECTION 4. Section 10.07 COST OF ABATEMENT is amended by adding the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the cost to abate a nuisance under Sec. 10.03 (5) which is not paid within thirty (30) days of written notice shall be assessed against the real estate as a special charge.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any portion hereof is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, such finding shall not affect the remainder hereof which shall continue to be in full force and effect.

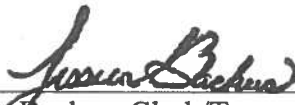
SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication according to law.

Adopted: July 13, 2016.

TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS TOWN BOARD

By:   
Joshua Stradal, Chairperson

ATTEST:

By:   
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer