

ORDINANCE NO. 42

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HEIDELBERG, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RELATING TO GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION GROWING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HEIDELBERG, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; REQUIRING THE REMOVAL, TRIMMING OR CUTTING THEREOF UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, BY THE OWNER OR OCCUPANT OF THE PREMISES WHERE THE SAME ARE GROWING, OR BY THE TOWNSHIP AT THE EXPENSE OF SUCH OWNER OR OCCUPANT IN DEFAULT; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

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BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of South Heidelberg, Berks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. The following words, used in this ordinance, shall have the meanings hereby respectively ascribed thereto:

(a) "Person" - Any natural person, partnership, association, firm or corporation.

(b) "Weeds" - Any Canadian or Russian thistle, chicory, burdock, nettle, poison ivy, sumac, goldenrod, wild lettuce, wild mustard, wild parsley, ragweed, milkweed or any other plant or vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for any ornamental or agricultural purpose.

In this ordinance, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

SECTION 2. Every person, owning or occupying any premises within the corporate boundaries of the Township of South Heidelberg upon which premises any grass or weeds in excess of six (6) inches in height shall grow, shall cut or remove such grass or weeds or cause the same to be cut or removed, to a mower height of less than six (6) inches; provided, however, that grass, grain or crops may be permitted to grow in excess of six (6) inches for agricultural purposes when grown by a farmer or tenant farmer on farm land which is presently a valid non-conforming use or a conforming use under the Zoning Ordinance of South Heidelberg Township adopted Dec. 13, 1960, as amended. Inspections shall be made by one or more of the supervisors of South Heidelberg Township, or they shall cause the same to be made on their behalf by other appointed or elected township officials, on June 15 and August 15 of each and every calendar year in order to insure compliance with the terms of this Section. The owner of the premises, in the case of vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner thereof, and the occupant of the premises, in the case of premises occupied by a person other than the owner thereof, shall comply with the requirements of this section.

