

CITY OF TROY

Chapter 82 - Property Maintenance Code

DEFINITIONS:

WEEDS. Noxious weeds as defined under Michigan law (MCL 247.62) including, 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 carrots (*Daucus carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*), ragweed (*Ambrosia elatior* 1.); and poison ivy (*Rhus toxicodendron*), and poison sumac (*Toxicodendron vernix*).

Any other varieties, species or plant growth designated by the City as poisonous, injurious and/or regarded as a common nuisance in the opinion of the City of Troy Public Works Director or his/her designee.

PRESERVATION OR RESTORATION AREA. All or a portion of a premise managed to preserve or restore native Michigan grasses, native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and aquatic plants, including but not limited to: indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*), prairie cordgrass (*Spartina pectinata*), prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*), rice cut grass (*Leersia oryzoides*), panic grass (*Panicum implicatum*), switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*), riverbank wild-rye (*Elymus riparius*), purple love grass or tumble grass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*), fowl manna grass (*Glyceria striata*), bottlebrush grass (*Hystrix patula*), big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*), long-awned wood grass (*Brachyelytrum erectum*) and blue-joint grass (*Calamagrostis canadensis*); an oldfield succession of native and non-native plants; or a combination of these.

TURF GRASS. Grass commonly used in regularly-cut lawns or play areas, including but not limited to: bluegrass, fescue, and ryegrass blends.

302.4.1 Weeds and Grass. The presence of turf grass and/or weeds exceeding eight (8) inches in height on any premises in the City is hereby declared to be a nuisance. The owner, occupant or any person having control or management of any premises is required to cut turf grass and weeds on the premises to a height that is eight (8) inches or less.

Exceptions:

- 1) Preservation or Restoration Areas are allowed to exceed eight (8) inches in height if those areas do not contain any turf grass and/or weeds.
- 2) Areas declared to be wetland or preservation areas by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources or the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality are allowed to exceed eight (8) inches in height.
- 3) Cultivated flowers and gardens or fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, corn, oats, barley or rye.

The entire City of Troy Property Maintenance Code can be viewed [here](#).