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**ORDINANCE NO. 778 – 2015**

**CITY OF ALGOMA  
COUNTY OF KEWAUNEE  
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.02(7) (F) OF THE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALGOMA, WISCONSIN  
RELATING TO NOXIOUS WEEDS, OTHER RANK GROWTH  
OF VEGETATION, AND LAWN CLIPPINGS**

WHEREAS: The Common Council of the City of Algoma has the authority to promote the public health, safety and welfare pursuant to the general grant of authority to the city according to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 62.11 (5), and

WHEREAS: The Common Council finds that it is necessary to regulate all noxious weeds, rank growth of vegetation, and lawn debris in the City of Algoma.

NOW, THEREFORE the Common Council of the City of Algoma does ordain that:

- I. Section 11.02 (7) (f) of the Algoma Code of Ordinances is repealed.
- II. Section 11.02 (7) (f) of the Algoma Code of Ordinances is recreated as follows:

“(f) All noxious weeds, rank growth of vegetation, and lawn debris.

**1. Mowing Required:** No person owning property within the City shall permit to grow or pollinate upon his premises any weeds or grasses which are offensive to neighboring property owners, weeds or grasses which cause or produce hay fever in humans, exhale unpleasant or noxious odors, or conceal filthy deposits. In order to prevent such growth and pollination, every property owner shall mow or cause to be mowed upon the premises all grasses or weeds exceeding eight (8) inches in height.

**2. Notification:** Any person failing to mow or cause to be mowed grasses or weeds shall, after receiving three days written notice from the City Administrator, be cited as per Section 20.04 of the Municipal Code. Each day that the property is not mowed constitutes a separate violation.

**3. Mowing by City:** After notification by the City Administrator of a violation, any property owner who wants their property mowed by the City must make arrangements with the City Administrator. These arrangements must be made within the 3-day notification period. If mowing is done by the City the property owner will be billed for the service by the City Clerk. If not paid, the amount due will be placed on the tax roll as a special charge.

**(4) Lawn Debris:** In the interest of efficiency of operation, environmental stewardship and community appearance it shall be unlawful to rake, place, or mow fallen tree leaves or grass clippings onto the pavement, or into the gutter of any public street unless directed by the City of Algoma. No person shall permit grass clippings from mower

52 swaths to remain upon sidewalks, street pavements, gutters of any public street, or  
53 abutting property not owned or occupied by said person.

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55 (5.) Wis. Stats. §66.0407 as hereafter amended is adopted by reference.  
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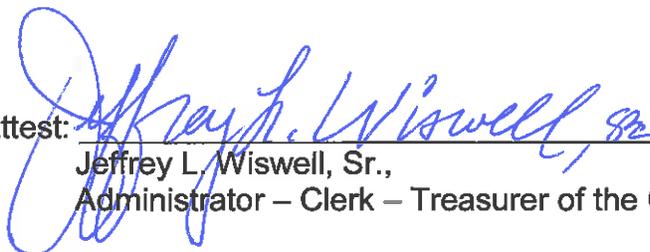
57 (a) In addition to the items identified in Wis. Stats. §66.0407, as amended, the term  
58 "noxious weeds" as used in this section includes the following: Canada or other thistles,  
59 leafy spurge and field bindweed (commonly called creeping Jenny), Ambrosia trifida  
60 (commonly called giant ragweed), Ambrosia artemesifolia (commonly called common  
61 ragweed), burdock, Rhus radicans sometimes called Radicans toxicodendron, Rhus  
62 toxicodendron and Toxicodendron radicans (commonly called poison ivy), Urtica dioica  
63 (commonly called stinging nettle), and non-native Lythrum salicaria and Lythrum  
64 virgatum and their hybrids (commonly called purple loosestrife).  
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66 (b) The City Administrator shall enforce this section. If any person fails to comply with  
67 the provisions of Wis. Stats. §66.0407, as amended and as adopted by the City of  
68 Algoma, the City may, after five (5) days written notice to the owner, cause the premises  
69 to be mowed or sprayed and shall report the cost thereof to the City Clerk. This cost  
70 shall be entered on the tax roll as a special charge for services under Wis. Stats.  
71 §66.0627."  
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73 II. This ordinance amendment shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by  
74 law.  
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77 Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Algoma, Wisconsin at a regular meeting thereof  
78 on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015, by a vote of 7 ayes and none opposed.  
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81 Approved:   
82 Wayne R. Schmidt,  
83 Mayor of the City of Algoma  
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85 Attest:   
86 Jeffrey L. Wiswell, Sr.,  
87 Administrator – Clerk – Treasurer of the City of Algoma