

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of Trenton
Dodge County
Ordinance 2026-02
Noxious Weed Ordinance

SECTION I – TITLE AND PURPOSE

This ordinance is entitled the Town of Trenton Noxious Weed Ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the control of noxious weeds in the town.

SECTION II – AUTHORITY

The Town Board of the Town of Trenton, Dodge County, Wisconsin, has the specific authority under ss. [66.0407](#) and [66.0517](#), Wis. stats., to adopt this ordinance.

SECTION III – ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance, adopted by a majority of the town board on a roll call vote with a quorum present and voting and proper notice having been given, provides for the regulation of noxious weeds in the town.

SECTION IV – DESIGNATION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS

The following are designated as noxious weeds in the town:

- A. Canada thistle, leafy spurge, and field bindweed (creeping Jenny), as provided by s. [66.0407 \(1\) \(b\)](#), Wis. stats.
- B. *any weed designated as noxious by the town board*
- C. The town chairperson shall include those weeds designated as noxious weeds in the Noxious weed notice given annually under s. [66.0407 \(4\)](#), Wis. stats.*

SECTION V – TOWN WEED COMMISSIONER

The town chairperson having appointed a town weed commissioner under s. [66.0517 \(2\) \(a\)](#), Wis. stats., and the weed commissioner having the powers and duties to investigate and destroy noxious weeds in the town as provided in s. [66.0517 \(2\) \(a\)](#), Wis. stats., the following provisions are established in regard to the performance of the office of weed commissioner:

- A. The weed commissioner shall receive compensation for investigating the existence of and destroying noxious weeds, including any clerical or administrative activities performed in relation to the performance of those activities, at the going rate per hour upon presenting to the town treasurer an account of noxious weed investigation and destruction activities performed by the weed commissioner, verified by oath and approved by the town chairperson.

The account shall specify by separate items each activity of investigation and destruction performed and for each activity of destruction the amount chargeable to each piece of land, describing the land.

B. After the account of the weed commissioner is paid by the treasurer under subsection A, the account shall be filed with the town clerk. The clerk shall enter the amount chargeable for the destruction of weeds to each tract of land in the next tax roll in a column headed, "For the Destruction of Weeds," as a tax on the lands upon which the weeds were destroyed. The tax shall be collected under ch. [74](#), Wis. stats., except in case of lands that are exempt from taxation, railroad lands, or other lands for which taxes are not collected under ch. [74](#), Wis. stats.

SECTION VI – NOXIOUS WEED DESTRUCTION

A. Under s. [66.0407 \(3\)](#), Wis. stats., and this ordinance, a person owning, occupying, or controlling land shall destroy all noxious weeds on the land.

SECTION VII – SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

SECTION IX – EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance is effective on publication or posting.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. [60.80](#), Wis. stats.

Adopted this 20th day of July, 2026.

By: _____

Russell Kottke, Town Board Chairman

Kristie Buwalda, Town Board Supervisor

Jeff Wilson, Town Board Supervisor

Attest:

Karla Zimmerman, Clerk