

**NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE: No. 3 of 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP AMENDING THE
TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY
CHAPTER 220 GRASS AND WEEDS, § 220-1 CUTTING OF
VEGETATION REQUIRED AND PROVIDING PENALTIES
FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, the Municipalities Planning Code, 53 P.S. §10101 *et seq.* (the “MPC”), authorizes the Township (the “Township”) to create ordinances for the regulation, administration and enforcement of Township zoning ordinances, codes, etc.; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to its authority under the MPC, the Board of Supervisors of the Township (the “Township Supervisors”) have adopted a Township Code, including the establishment of regulations related to the cutting of grass and weeds and setting penalties; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisors believe there is a need to amend the Township Code to provide Code Enforcement the ability to regulate certain grass and weed cutting activities that do not specifically fall under the regulations of the Quality of Life section of the Township Code; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors hereby ordains and enacts as follows, incorporating the above recitals by reference:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the North Franklin Township “Grass and Weeds Amendment Ordinance 2023.”

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 220 GRASS AND WEEDS, SECTION 220-1 CUTTING OF VEGETATION REQUIRED.

Chapter 220, Grass and Weeds, Section 220-1 Cutting of Vegetation Required is hereby replaced in its entirety with the following:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or owner having a present interest in any real estate in the Township of North Franklin, located within 150 feet of any property line, to permit grass, weeds or similar vegetation, not eatable or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose, to grow in excess of 6 inches and/or to permit the grass, weeds or similar vegetation to harbor rodents, pests or other unwanted vermin/animals. Each time that a cutting is required, the vegetation must be cut so that it measures four inches or less in height. All such vegetation not

cut or removed in accordance with this chapter is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of said Township.

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT.

It shall be the sole discretion of North Franklin Township whether or not to bring an enforcement action under this Section or Chapter 370 Property Maintenance, specifically § 370-20 Quality of Life Violations of the Township Code dealing with high grass, weeds or similar vegetation.

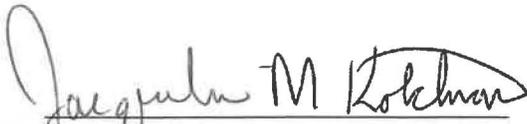
SECTION 4. REPEALER. Any Township Ordinances or provisions of the Township Code which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any sentence, clause, section or other part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 11th day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:


Secretary
(SEAL)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP


Chairperson, Board of Supervisors


Supervisor


Supervisor