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

**COMMON COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE NO. 815**

**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**

15 WHEREAS: The Common Council of the City of Algoma has the authority to promote the  
16 public health, safety and welfare pursuant to the general grant of authority to the city according  
17 to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 62.11 (5), and  
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19 WHEREAS: The Common Council finds that it is necessary to regulate all noxious weeds,  
20 rank growth of vegetation, and lawn debris in the City of Algoma.  
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22 NOW, THEREFORE the Common Council of the City of Algoma does ordain that:  
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- 24 I. Section 11.02 (7)(f) of the Algoma Code of Ordinances is amended as follows:  
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26 “(f) All noxious weeds, rank growth of vegetation, and lawn debris.  
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28 **1. Mowing Required:** No person owning property within the City shall permit to grow  
29 or pollinate upon his premises any weeds or grasses which are offensive to neighboring  
30 property owners, weeds or grasses which cause or produce hay fever in humans, exhale  
31 unpleasant or noxious odors, or conceal filthy deposits. In order to prevent such growth  
32 and pollination, every property owner shall mow or cause to be mowed upon the  
33 premises all grasses or weeds exceeding eight (8) inches in height.  
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35 **2. Notification:** Any person failing to mow or cause to be mowed grasses or weeds  
36 shall, after receiving three days written notice from the City, be cited as per Section  
37 20.04 of the Municipal Code. Each day that the property is not mowed constitutes a  
38 separate violation.  
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40 **3. Mowing by City:** If the violation is not corrected within seven (7) calendar days  
41 from the date of the letter sent to the property owner, the City may have the grasses  
42 and/or weeds removed and the property owner may be billed for any costs and fees as  
43 set by the City of Algoma Fee Schedule. If not paid, the amount due will be placed on  
44 the tax roll as a special charge.  
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46 **4. Lawn Debris:** In the interest of efficiency of operation, environmental stewardship  
47 and community appearance it shall be unlawful to rake, place, or mow fallen tree leaves  
48 or grass clippings onto the pavement, or into the gutter of any public street unless  
49 directed by the City of Algoma. No person shall permit grass clippings from mower  
50 swaths to remain upon sidewalks, street pavements, gutters of any public street, or  
51 abutting property not owned or occupied by said person.

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**5. Wis. Stats. §66.0407 as hereafter amended is adopted by reference.**

(a) In addition to the items identified in Wis. Stats. §66.0407, as amended, the term "noxious weeds" as used in this section includes the following: Canada or other thistles, leafy spurge and field bindweed (commonly called creeping Jenny), Ambrosia trifida (commonly called giant ragweed), Ambrosia artemesifolia (commonly called common ragweed), burdock, Rhus radicans sometimes called Radicans toxicodendron, Rhus toxicodendron and Toxicodendron radicans (commonly called poison ivy), Urtica dioica (commonly called stinging nettle), and non-native Lythrum salicaria and Lythrum virgatum and their hybrids (commonly called purple loosestrife).

(b) The City shall enforce this section. If any person fails to comply with the provisions of Wis. Stats. §66.0407, as amended and as adopted by the City of Algoma, the City may, after five (5) days written notice to the owner, cause the premises to be mowed or sprayed and shall report the cost thereof to the City Clerk. The property owner may be billed for any costs and fees as set by the City of Algoma Fee Schedule. If not paid, the amount due shall be entered on the tax roll as a special charge for services under Wis. Stats. §66.0627."

II. This ordinance amendment shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Algoma, Wisconsin at a regular meeting thereof on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019, by a vote of 7 for and 0 opposed.

Approved: Wayne R. Schmidt  
Wayne R. Schmidt,  
Mayor of the City of Algoma

Attest: Jamie Jackson  
Jamie Jackson,  
Clerk of the City of Algoma

Date Adopted: 8/5/19  
Date Published: 8/8/19  
Date Effective: 8/8/19