

RESOLUTION #
A PUBLIC NOTICE DESTRUCTION OF
NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED

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NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS:

BE IT RESOLVED, by action of the Board of Supervisors of Hardin County, Iowa, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14 2018 Code of Iowa and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds, it is hereby ordered:

Each owner and each person in the possession of or person responsible for managing lands including land enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), in Hardin County shall cut, burn, or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds, as defined in this chapter, at such times in each year and in such manner to prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Producers with sensitive crops or anyone with roadside spraying concerns should contact the Hardin County Weed Commissioner's Office (641-849-0333).

Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise destroyed before July 31st, 2019; as often thereafter as is necessary to prevent seed production:

Class A Noxious Weeds for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control: Canadian Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Teasel (*Dipsacus spp.*) biennial, Leafy Spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), Multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), all other species of thistles belonging in the genus of *Carduus*.

At all times: Palmer amaranth must be eradicated. Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Hardin County shall seek cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, which may include the department's farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department, if Palmer Amaranth (*Amaranthus palmeri*) is found on lands enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410

In case of failure to comply in any order of control of weeds, the commissioner, deputies, or agents may, subsequent to the time after service of the notice provided for in Section 317.6, enter upon the land and control the weeds or impose a maximum penalty of \$10 per day, up to ten days, that the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply. If a penalty is imposed and the owner or person responsible for managing the land fails to comply, the commissioner shall cause the weeds to be controlled. If the commissioner, deputies, or the agents enter the land and control the weeds, the actual cost and expense of cutting, burning, or otherwise controlling the weeds, along with the cost of serving notice and special meetings or proceedings, shall be paid by the county and together with the additional assessment to apply toward costs of supervision and administration, be recovered by an assessment against the tract of real estate on which the weeds were growing as provided in Section 317.21. Any fine imposed shall be recovered by a similar assessment.

The Hardin County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program shall control noxious weed infestations and other problem vegetation in county road rights-of-way which may threaten public health, cause economic loss or affect safe travel. Costs to control noxious weed problems associated with physical changes in the right-of-way, (i.e. over spray, excess tillage, untimely mowing) may be assessed to those responsible for such acts. Soil erosion by wind and water promotes annual and perennial weed growth on agricultural land and in road rights-of-way. Landowners and operators are encouraged to be good land stewards and utilize erosion control methods such as conservation tillage, field borders, buffer strips, and grassed waterways.

Approved By: _____

Renee McClellan
Hardin County Board of Supervisor Chairman

Date: