

Chapter 206

INVASIVE PLANTS

GENERAL REFERENCES

Property maintenance — See Ch. 273.

Obnoxious vegetation — See Ch. 319.

Trees — See Ch. 313.

§ 206-1. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect and promote the public health through the control of the growth of invasive plant species.

§ 206-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ENFORCING OFFICER — The Township Code Enforcement Officer or his designee.

INVASIVE PLANTS — All native and nonnative vines and vegetation that grow out of place and are competitive, persistent, and pernicious. These plants may damage trees, vegetation, or structures. Examples include but are not limited to bamboo (spreading or running type), ragweed, multiflora rose, kudzu vine and poison ivy or oak.

§ 206-3. Control of growth.

All persons must control the growth of invasive plants. Failure to control the spread of such vegetation beyond the boundaries of a resident's property is a violation of this chapter.

§ 206-4. Inspections.

All places and premises in the Township of Lacey shall be subject to inspection by the enforcing officer. Such inspections shall be performed by such person, persons or agency duly authorized and appointed by the Township of Lacey. Such inspection shall be made if that official has reason to believe that any section of this chapter is being violated.

§ 206-5. Violations and penalties.

- A. Whenever an invasive plant as defined by this chapter is found on any plot of land, lot or any other premises or place, a violation shall be given to the owner, in writing, to remove or abate the same within such time as shall be specified therein (recommend time in years, due to difficulty of removing bamboo). Any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250. **[Amended 3-28-2013 by Ord. No. 2013-06]**
- B. The cost of abatement shall be borne by the property owner.

- C. If the owner fails to comply with such notice within the time specified therein, the enforcing official may remove or otherwise control the invasive plant species, and the Township may thereafter recover the cost.