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## **WEEDS & NOXIOUS WEEDS ORDINANCE NO. 202 PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sec. 12-273. DUTY OF OWNER.** It shall be unlawful for the owner of any parcel of land to allow or maintain on any portion of such lot or land the growth of any noxious weeds or weeds, or the accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush which may create a condition detrimental to public health. The owner shall cut and remove or destroy all noxious weeds and weeds as often as necessary to prevent such weeds from going to seed or exceeding ten inches in growth, and shall prevent the accumulation of dead weeds, grass, or brush.

**Sec. 12-274. NOTICE; ALTERNATIVE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.** (a) The township shall notify the owner of any parcel of land found to be in violation that they shall have ten calendar days to remedy all unlawful conditions as defined in section 12-272. Failure to remedy the violation within ten calendar days shall be a municipal civil infraction and, in addition, shall be cause for the township to enter the property and remove the prohibited growth without further notice, and the owner of the property charged pursuant to section 12-276.

(1) The township shall notify the owner of the parcel of land found to be in violation personally by regular mail, and;

(2) The township shall post notice in a conspicuous location on the property in question. Notice shall include the date and time said notice is posted upon the property and the date by which the violation must be remedied.

(b) In lieu of the notice by section 12-274 (a), the township may publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county during the month of March, or in the spring edition of the township newsletter, that weeds and noxious weeds not cut by June 1 and maintained through November 30 of that year will be cut by the township, and the owner of the property charged pursuant to section 12-276.

(c) When there has been no recorded transfer of ownership on a parcel of land, the initial notice may serve as the only notice for that year for any subsequent offense. The township may cut weeds as many times as is necessary and the owner of the property charged pursuant to section 12-276.

**Fort Gratiot Municipal Center**

**3720 Keewahdin Road, Fort Gratiot Michigan 48059**

**Open Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM ~ (810) 385-4489**

**Fire Non-Emergency: (810) 385-5666 ~ Sheriff Non-Emergency: (810) 985-8115**

**Find us on the Web: [www.fortgratiottwp.org](http://www.fortgratiottwp.org)**

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**RESIDENTIAL TRASH, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE REMINDERS**

Items must be out by 7 AM on the day of pickup and containers put away the same day. Items should not be put out earlier than 7 PM the night before the pickup day. Every effort should be made to contain your items neatly and orderly. Recyclables can be put in your container all together with large cardboard bundled on the side.

Holidays: We will run one day late when a holiday falls on or before your trash day. Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on a weekend, nothing changes. As our service days are Tuesday and Wednesday, we will always be delayed for Memorial Day and Labor Day, and we will never be delayed for Thanksgiving Day. New Years Day, Independence Day and Christmas Day will always depend on what day of the week the holiday falls year to year.

**ACCEPTABLE CONTAINERS**

Residents are responsible for obtaining their own bags and/or containers for all programs. Following are the accepted containers, sizes and amounts, most of which can be purchased at most stores or through Marcotte.

*Recycling:* Marcotte container, clear plastic bags or in a bin with no lid. This can be a storage type tote or the bin specifically marked with the word "recycle" or the recycle logo. There is no maximum.

*Trash:* Trash bags or 30 gallon trash containers, maximum 10 bags or cans per pickup.

*Yard Waste:* Paper bags or 33 gallon cans with no lids marked with an "X" with a All branches must be tied and bundled with string or twine, 3" maximum diameter. Maximum 10 bags or cans per pickup.

*What are the rules for Bulk and Metal item pickup?*

One bulk item is permitted per household per week; i.e. mattresses, box springs, couches, chairs, tables, etc., and will be picked up during regularly scheduled trash pickups. Metal items are picked up on Tuesdays only, and must be called into Marcotte no later than 3PM Monday. Freon items must be tagged for pickup. Contact Marcotte at (810) 985-9818 for more details or to schedule a pickup.

*What items are considered unacceptable in the trash?*

Items considered unacceptable for pickup include: tires, building materials, shingles, brick, concrete, stone, ceiling tile, Freon, animal carcasses or waste and human waste.

*A note from Judi Reynolds, Fort Gratiot Treasurer:*

You may have noticed new faces in the Treasurer's office. In March of 2017, Deputy Treasurer Vickie Emigh retired after 24 years with the Township. We wish her well as she is enjoying her retirement by playing a LOT of golf. Replacing Vickie is Amanda Eisenhauer, who transferred from the Assessing Department. We welcome Amanda who has done an amazing job learning the ropes. We are very lucky to have her.

Patsy Peterson, our cashier, retired on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> after 25 years of service. We miss her tremendously but are sure she is enjoying the extra time she now has to spend with her grandkids. Lisa Skotcher, our receptionist since 2013, has stepped up to the plate to take on the cashier duties. Please welcome her when you come in to make your payments.

Lisa is doing great in her new position.

Credit Card payments for Taxes and Water Bills (*which will incur a 3% convenience fee with a \$2.00 minimum fee*) are accepted in person or online at [fortgratiottwp.org](http://fortgratiottwp.org). We do not take payments over the phone. Cash payments should be made in person or by placement in our drop box. Payments by check are accepted in person, by mail (*to be received by due date*) or by placement in our drop box. Feel free to contact the Treasurer's office with any questions or concerns.

*All monthly meetings begin at 7:00 PM at the Fort Gratiot Municipal Center Gardendale Meeting Room unless otherwise posted. Minutes and agendas are posted on our website and in the office. Meetings may be cancelled for lack of items/quorum.*

- Board of Trustees—1st & 3rd Wednesdays
- Planning Commission—2nd Tuesday
- Parks Commission—3rd Monday
- Zoning Board of Appeals—3rd Tuesday

*Your Fort Gratiot Municipal Center now processes new Passport Applications! Photo services are also available.*

*For more details, call us, visit [fortgratiottwp.org/passports](http://fortgratiottwp.org/passports) or email us at [passports@fortgratiottwp.org](mailto:passports@fortgratiottwp.org). Appointments are required. Call today!*

**SCARECROW SATURDAY**

**Fort Gratiot's premiere family fall event held annually the last Saturday of September. Save the date—09/29/2018!**

*For volunteer & sponsorship opportunities, contact Kristy Jones at [kjones@fortgratiottwp.org](mailto:kjones@fortgratiottwp.org) or (810) 385-4489 x1113*