

**Chapter 68**  
**BRUSH, GRASS AND WEEDS**

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**[HISTORY: Adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manchester 11-12-1984 by Ord. No. 1984-130 (Sections 5.1 through 5.9 of the 1981 Code of Ordinances). Amendments noted where applicable.]**

GENERAL REFERENCES

Subdivision and land development — See Ch. 128.

Trees — See Ch. 137.

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**§ 68-1. Title.**

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Weed Control Ordinance."

**§ 68-2. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**BOROUGH** — The Borough of Manchester, York County, Pennsylvania.

**PERSON** — Any natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company or organization of any kind.

**WEEDS** — All grass, plant life or vegetation whatsoever, which is not edible, or is not planted or cultivated for some useful or ornamental purpose, or which throws off any unpleasant or noxious odor, or which conceals any filthy deposits or tends to create or produce pollen.

**§ 68-3. Declaration of nuisance. [Amended 11-14-2016 by Ord. No. 2016-3]**

No person owning, occupying or having a present interest in any property within the Borough shall permit any weeds to grow or remain upon such premises, so as to exceed a height of 12 inches, or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor, or to conceal any filthy deposit, or to create or produce pollen. Further, no person owning or occupying any property within Manchester Borough shall discharge or permit to be discharged grass clippings onto any roadway or alley within Manchester Borough. Any grass, weeds or other vegetation growing upon any premises and any grass discharged in Manchester Borough in violation of any of the provisions of this section is hereby declared to be a nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety, cleanliness and comfort of the inhabitants of Manchester Borough. However,

in no case shall this section apply to any premises or any portion of any premises where it is physically impossible to cut or trim the vegetation due to excess moisture in the soil. In any such case, a representative of the Borough shall view the premises to confirm the inability to cut or trim the noncompliant vegetation.

**§ 68-4. Removal or cutting required. [Amended 11-14-2016 by Ord. No. 2016-3]**

The owner of any premises, or the occupant of premises occupied by other than the owner, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises in violation of the provisions of this chapter.

**§ 68-5. Obstruction of clear sight triangles. [Added 7-14-1997 by Ord. No. 1997-12]**

No person shall allow overgrown brush, branches or grass to obstruct the necessary clear sight triangle at any street intersection as prescribed by Chapter 128, Subdivision and Land Development.

**§ 68-6. Notice to remove.**

The Borough Council, the Mayor, any police officer of the Borough or any officer or employee of the Borough designated thereby for the purpose hereby is authorized to give notice, by personal service, or by mail, to the owner or occupant, as the case may be, of any premises whereon weeds are growing, or remain, in violation of the provisions of this chapter, directing and requiring such owner or occupant to remove, trim or cut such weeds so as to conform to the requirements of this chapter, within five days after issuance of such notice. If any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with such notice within such period of time, the Borough authorities, although not required to do so, may remove, trim or cut such weeds; the costs thereof, together with a penalty of 10%, may be collected by the Borough from such person in the manner provided by law, including but not limited to the filing of a lien, or by an action in assumpsit, or in any other manner, as may be provided by law for the enforcement and collection of municipal liens. It is the intent of this chapter that only one notice of violation need be given to the offender and that no additional notices are necessary for further violations during the same growing season.

**§ 68-7. Violations and penalties. [Amended 7-14-1997 by Ord. No. 1997-12]**

Any person who shall violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter, upon conviction thereof in a summary proceeding before any District Justice, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution, and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, shall be subject to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day's violation shall constitute a new and separate offense, and notice to the offender shall not be necessary in order to constitute each offense.