

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-22

Introduced by Sam Artino

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 557 (GRASS, WEEDS AND VEGETATION) OF THE HURON CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, this Council hereby determines the changes and amendments set forth within this Ordinance are in the best interest of the City of Huron and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 557 (Grass, Weeds and Vegation) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron, Ohio, which currently reads (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto an made a part hereof), shall be and hereby is, amended and restated to read as follows (see Exhibit "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Section 2. That a new amended and restated Section 557 (Grass, Weeds and Vegetation) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Huron shall be, and hereby is, adopted and thereafter shall be in full force and effect.

Section 3. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including O.R.C. §121.22.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 3.06 of the Charter of the City of Huron, Ohio, this Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days following its adoption.

ATTEST:


Clerk of Council


Monty Tapp, Mayor

ADOPTED:

08 SEP 2026

CHAPTER 557

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- 557.08 Noncompliance.
- 557.99 Penalty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Removal of noxious weeds or litter- see Ohio R.C. 731.51

Sweeping of leaves and grass onto public way - see GEN. OFF. 521.10

557.01 NUISANCE CONDITIONS PROHIBITED.

No owner of any lots or lands located within the City shall permit upon such lots or lands noxious weeds, thistles, burdocks, jimson weeds, ragweeds, milkweeds, mulleins, poison ivy, poison oak, or other weeds of rank growth, exceeding eight inches in height, or overgrown yard grass (including front yards, side yards, and rear yards), vegetation and/or wild grass, exceeding six inches in height, which would constitute a nuisance or endanger the public health.

(Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.02 DETERMINATION OF NUISANCE.

The City Manager or his nominee/designee are hereby authorized to determine if such weeds, grass, or vegetation on any lots or lands within the City exceed the heights specified in Section 557.01 and constitute a nuisance or endanger the public health.

(Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.03 WEEDS TO BE CUT REGULARLY.

- (a) It is hereby determined that noxious weeds, thistles, burdocks, jimson weeds, ragweeds, milkweeds, mulleins, poison ivy, poison oak, or other weeds of rank growth growing at a height of eight inches or higher, or overgrown yard grass (including in front yards, side yards, and rear yards), vegetation and/or wild grass growing at a height of six inches or higher upon any property in the City are a public nuisance and are a violation of Section 557.01.

(b) The City Manager or his nominee/designee, for the first two calendar weeks of each year, shall publish this determination in a newspaper of local circulation and shall make demand that all property owners regularly cut such weeds, grass and vegetation growing upon their properties during the ensuing months of the year.

(c) Should any such noxious weeds, thistles, burdocks, jimson weeds, ragweeds, milkweeds, mulleins, poison ivy, poison oak, or other weeds of rank growth, or should any overgrown yard grass (including front yards, side yards, and rear yards), vegetation and/or wild grass be found on any property within the City and exceed the height restrictions in Section 557.01 after the foregoing publication has been completed, after notice to the owner has been sent in accordance with Section 557.05 and after failure of the owner to timely comply with such notice, then the City Manager or his nominee/designee may cause these to be cut at the expense of the City.

(Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.04 ADDRESS OF LOT(S) TO BE PROVIDED.

Any resident or person making a complaint to the City that a nuisance exists on any lots or lands located within the City shall provide to the City Manager or his nominee/designee the address of such lot(s) or lands.

(Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.05 SERVING OF NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE.

(a) After a determination has been made as set forth in Section 557.02 that a nuisance exists upon any lots or lands within the City or that the public health is endangered therefrom, the City Manager or his nominee/designee shall cause one (1) written notice per calendar year to be served upon the owner of such lots or lands that such nuisance or endangering of the public health must be abated by cutting or destroying such weeds, grass or vegetation as set forth in Section 557.01 within seven (7) days from the date of such notice. The notice shall also state that such weeds, grass and vegetation are to be maintained thereafter during such calendar year with sufficient frequency to prevent such weeds, grass or vegetation from exceeding the heights specified in Section 557.01.

(b) Service of the notice, described in subsection (a) hereof, shall be sent by certified mail to the owner of such lots or lands at the mailing address listed by the Erie County Auditor's tax list; and also optionally by regular mail or personal service to such owner, or by posting it at the subject lot or lands.

(c) If service by certified mail under Subsection (b) is not successful, then it shall be sufficient to publish such notice once in a newspaper of general circulation,

(d) If, after the notice has been served in accordance with this Section, the City Manager or his nominee/designee determines that a subsequent violation of Section 557.01 has occurred within the same calendar year, the City of Huron may again proceed with the remedy set forth in Section 557.06 for such subsequent violations

without the need for giving additional notices as set forth in this Section. (Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.06 RIGHT OF ENTRY; ABATEMENT BY CITY.

Upon the failure of an owner of such lots or lands to timely abide and comply with the notice sent in accordance with Section 557.05, the City Manager or his nominee/designee may, by the direct employment of City laborers or a contractor selected by the City, enter upon such lots or lands and abate such nuisance by causing such weeds, grass or vegetation to be cut or destroyed. (Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.07 BILL TO BE SENT TO OWNER.

When the City Manager or his nominee/designee arranges for a nuisance to be abated in accordance with Section 557.06, the City Manager shall cause a bill for all costs related to such abatement to be mailed to the owner of such lots or land by certified mail, return receipt requested. Such bill shall include any and all costs incurred by City laborers or the city's authorized contractor in abating the nuisance. If the owner or other occupant of the lots or lands prevents or otherwise restricts the abatement of such nuisance, then the bill shall include all costs incurred in arranging for the abatement (including but not limited to a contractor's minimum charges for dispatch to the lots or lands).

The bill for a first violation of Section 557.01 within a calendar year shall be in the amount of one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the incurred costs. For any subsequent violation of Section 557.01 within the same calendar year, the bill shall be in the amount of two hundred percent (200%) of the incurred costs.

(Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.08 NONCOMPLIANCE.

Any person failing to pay the bill set forth in Section 557.07 within twenty (20) days of being billed shall be subject to all available collection procedures and judicial processes, including but not limited to having such unpaid bill certified to the owner's tax duplicate with the County Auditor, in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code.

(Ord. 2025-28. Passed 11-12-25.)

557.99 PENALTY.

(a) Whoever violates Section 557.01 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) Whoever, after first being charged and convicted of a violation pursuant to Section 557.01, subsequently violates any Section 557.01 in the same calendar year, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Each day's violation shall constitute a separate offense.

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Listing of Noxious Weeds – see OAC 901:5-37-01

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