

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 20-38**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING NUISANCE AND ORDERING ABATEMENT ON THE  
PROPERTIES LISTED BELOW AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE ZONING  
ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE COMPLAINT.**

**WHEREAS:** Uncontrolled vegetation, unsecured property, and/or refuse, junk and debris were reported at the properties listed below; and

- 1781 King Avenue – Junk Vehicles
- 1821 Milton Street – Junk/Debris
- 2699 Lenox Avenue – Junk/Debris
- 3822 Treadway Trail – Shed without permit

**WHEREAS:** The Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 provides that, at least seven days prior to providing for the abatement, control or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse or debris, or securing the property, the Board of Trustees shall notify the owner of the land and any holders of liens of record upon the land; and

**WHEREAS:** The Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 provides that, if the Board of Trustees determines within twelve consecutive months after a prior nuisance determination that the same owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage refuse, or other debris on the same land in the township constitutes a nuisance, at least four days prior to providing for the abatement, control or removal of the nuisance, the Board must send notice of the subsequent nuisance determination to the landowner and to any lienholders of record by first class mail; and

**WHEREAS:** In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, the Township Trustees have the authority to contract to abate the nuisances and have the costs incurred assessed to the property tax bills;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Trustees of Fairfield Township, Butler County, Ohio, as follows;

**SECTION 1:** That this Board specifically finds and hereby determines that the uncontrolled growth of vegetation and/or the refuse and debris on each of the said properties listed above constitute a nuisance within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, and the Board directs that notice of this action be given to owners of the said property and lienholders in the manner required by Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87.

**SECTION 2:** That this Board hereby orders the owners of said property to remove and abate the nuisances within seven days after notice of this order is given to the owners and lienholders of record, and within four days after notice of this order is given to the owners and lienholders of record for properties previously determined to be a nuisance. If said nuisances are not removed and abated by the said owners, or if no agreement for removal and abatement is reached between the Township and the owners and lienholders of record within four or seven days after notice is given, the Zoning Administrator shall cause the nuisances to be removed, and the Township shall notify the County Auditor to assess such cost plus administrative expense to the property tax bills for the said parcel, as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87.

**SECTION 3:** The Board hereby dispense with the requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, pursuant to RC 504.10, and authorizes the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

**SECTION 4:** This resolution is the subject of the general authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the Ohio Revised Code and not the specific authority granted to the Board of Trustees through the status as a Limited Home Rule Township.

**SECTION 5:** That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including §121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**SECTION 6:** This resolution shall be declared an emergency and shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law and to facilitate remediation of the nuisance throughout the growing season.

**Adopted:** February 18, 2020

**Board of Trustees**

**Vote of Trustees**

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| Shannon Hartkemeyer: | <u>Shannon Hartkemeyer</u> | <u>yes</u> |
| Joe McAbee:          | <u>Joe McAbee</u>          | <u>yes</u> |
| Susan Berding:       | <u>Susan Berding</u>       | <u>yes</u> |

**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this is a resolution which was duly passed, and filed with the Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

**ATTEST:**

Shelly Schultz  
Shelly Schultz, Fairfield Township Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

L.E. Barbieri  
Lawrence E. Barbieri, Township Law Director