

RESOLUTION 04-06-00-01
STIGMATIZING NOXIOUS WEEDS

Be it resolved: Pursuant to Chapter 317 of the *Code of Iowa* (1997) and upon recommendation of the Johnson County Weed Commissioner that the following weeds be declared noxious: Buckhorn Plantain, Buckthorn, Bull Thistle, Canada Thistle, Cocklebur, Field Bindweed, Hoary Cress, Horse Nettle, Japanese Knotweed, Leafy Spurge, Marijuana, Multiflora Rose, Musk Thistle, Perennial Peppergrass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Poison Hemlock, Poison Ivy, Puncturevine, Purple Loosestrife, Quackgrass, Red Sorrel, Russian Knapweed, Shattercane, Smooth Dock, Sour Dock, Tall Thistle, Teasel, Wild Parsnip, Wild Mustard and any other species listed as noxious under the *Code of Iowa* or deemed by the Weed Commissioner to present a major economic or environmental problem to Johnson County.

Be it further resolved that the Johnson County Board of Supervisors may order all noxious weeds within the right-of-way of all County trunk and local County roads to be cut, burned or otherwise controlled to prevent seed production either upon its own motion or upon receipt of written notice requesting said action from any residents of the township in which the affected roads are located, or any person regularly using these roads. The order and action shall be consistent with the Johnson County Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and in accord with the provisions of Section 317.18 of the *Code of Iowa*.

Be it further resolved that all noxious weeds shall be ordered to be destroyed by all landowners and tenants on or before the date of 1 June, 2000, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed noxious weeds.

Be it further resolved that the Johnson County Weed Commissioner shall, upon failure of any landowner or tenant or both to comply with orders to destroy listed noxious weeds, be entitled to proceed to enter upon any lands within the County to destroy said noxious weeds upon notice as provided by Section 317.6 of the *Code of Iowa*, and to assess the actual costs thereof in accordance with Sections 317.6, 317.13 and 317.21 of the *Code of Iowa*. Actual costs of removal of weeds shall be estimated at not less than \$50.00 per hour.

Be it further resolved that it is the policy of Johnson County that the Weed Commissioner shall direct control of all noxious weeds on public lands of Johnson County, Iowa, by cutting or mowing or by controlled burning or by the planting of competitive native vegetation as deemed necessary. Landowners, tenants or both may post "Do Not Spray" signs adjacent to their properties if deemed necessary and will be requested by the Weed Commissioner to respect areas of native vegetation planted to compete with noxious weeds if such treatment is applied adjacent to their properties. Designating signs shall be provided upon request and at no cost by the County and shall be observed in the event of any spraying operations or other treatment programs undertaken, providing that the landowner or tenant shall thereby assume responsibility for the destruction of all noxious weeds on those posted rights-of-way within Johnson County.

Be it further resolved that the Johnson County Weed Commissioner shall make every effort to provide treatment of all problem areas within the County without the use of chemical herbicides and to substitute appropriate methods of integrated vegetation management techniques wherever possible. A program of suitable alternative practices shall be developed and implemented to provide environmentally sound and long-term solutions to noxious weed problems within Johnson County under the direction of the Johnson County Roadside Vegetation Manager.

Be it further resolved that the Weed Commissioner shall act to encourage the good stewardship of land in Johnson County in order to further the control of noxious weeds which may cause any health or safety hazard to the residents of Johnson County. The control and eradication of noxious weeds has been deemed compatible with wise land management practices and wildlife protection policies. Noxious weeds shall not be substituted for appropriate ground covers, food supplies or protection for wildlife.