Osceola County Resolution #31-25/26
Resolution and Order for Program of Weed Destruction

All property owners are hereby notified that on June 23, 2026, the Board of Supervisors of Osceola County, Iowa adopted a program of weed destruction, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 317 (2021). Said program of weed destruction requires:

1. That each owner and each person in possession or control of any real estate in Osceola County, Iowa shall cut, burn (pursuant to a valid permit should said property be in a Right of Way) or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon in such manner as will control and prevent such weeds from blooming or coming to maturity as required by Iowa Code 317.10. Noxious weeds shall be cut, burned, or otherwise destroyed as often thereafter as necessary to prevent seed production.
2. That each owner and/or each person in possession or control of any real estate including Right of Way, in Osceola County, Iowa, which is infested with noxious weeds as referenced above, shall adopt a summer program of weed destruction prescribed by the County Weed Commissioner, which in five (5) years may be expected to destroy, and will immediately bring under control, such infestation of said noxious weeds.
3. That each owner and/or person in possession or control of any real estate and/or Right of Way in Osceola County, Iowa, shall keep said real estate free from any growth of any weeds, as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said real estate unsafe for public travel. Also, the first mowing of one full swath along the edge of each public roadway shall take place by July 15 of each year. In addition, one additional full swath along the edge and/or shoulder of each public roadway shall be mowed by Nov. 1 of each year. These are minimum guidelines for weed control and destruction, however, owners and/or persons in possession or control of real estate subject to this Resolution are hereby notified and reminded that weather and other conditions may cause weeds to grow to maturity several weeks in advance of typical maturity time frames, which may necessitate earlier, and more intensive, control measures.
4. If any owner and/or persons in possession or control of any real estate in Osceola County, Iowa fails to comply with the foregoing Resolution, the County Weed Commissioner shall cause the requirements of said Resolution to be properly carried out, and the expenses of said work, including costs, serving notice of violation and said costs, as well as other costs, may, in the discretion of the Board of Supervisors, be assessed against the land and owners thereof. In Addition, the Weed Commissioner may, in his/her discretion, levy a fine of $10.00 per day, for up to ten (10) days, against the owner and/or possessor of said land.
5. To the extent that this Resolution is silent or inconclusive regarding the application and execution of the above-described program of weed destruction, Iowa Code Chapter 317 (2017), shall, to the extent permitted by law, inform and control the resolution of any question relating to said weed destruction. Specifically, all owners and/or persons in possession or control of any real estate in Osceola County, Iowa, are notified that any and all weed species listed in Iowa Code 317.1A are subject to this Resolution, as well as any additional weed species designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as permitted by Iowa Code 317.17.
6. That upon passage of this Resolution, the County Auditor is and hereby shall be directed to cause notice of the making, passage, and entry of the foregoing Resolution to be published in the official papers of the County. Hereinafter, the Weed Commissioner and/or his/her designee may, in his/her discretion, cause notice to be published in said papers regarding imminent applications of weed control chemicals.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND GOVERN YOUR ACTIONS ACCORDINGLY
OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Roll call vote: Ayes: Schulte, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Loring, Helmers. Nays: None. Motion carried.
THEREFORE, the above foregoing resolution was approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Osceola County, Iowa on June 23, 2026.

Jerry Helmers, Chairman
Osceola County Board of Supervisors

Rochelle Van Tilburg
Osceola County Auditor