

# Charter Township of Ypsilanti

## RESOLUTION 2025-20

(In Reference to Ordinance 2025-510)

### Amending the Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 Section 61, Noxious Weeds Definition

**Whereas**, in 1941, the Michigan Legislature enacted a law which permitted townships to control and eradicate noxious weeds; and

**Whereas**, Noxious Weeds Act, Public Act 359 of 1941, as amended (MCL 247.61, *et seq.*) defines noxious weeds to include the following: Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), dodders (any species of *Cuscuta*), mustards (charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard, species of *Brassica* or *Sinapis*), wild carrot (*Daucus carota*), bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), perennial sowthistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), hoary alyssum (*Berteroa incana*), ragweed (*ambrosia elatior* 1) and poison ivy (*rhus toxicodendron*), poison sumac (*toxicodendron vernix*) or other plant that in the opinion of the Township Board is regarded as a common nuisance, with the exclusion of milkweed (any species of the genus *Asclepias*).

**Whereas**, the need to amend this ordinance came to our attention from a resident concerned that the noxious weeds definition included goldenrod, a native plant that is essential for pollinators in the late summer and autumn; and

**Whereas**, the Township Board believes that adoption of Ordinance 2025-510 amending the definition of noxious weeds, permitted under Public Act 359 of 1941, is in the best interest of the Township and its residents as part of our Bee City pledge to create and maintain pollinator habitat; and

**Now Therefore Be it resolved**, that Ordinance No. 2025-510 is hereby adopted by reference.

I, Debra A. Swanson, Clerk of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan hereby certify the above resolution is a true and exact copy of Resolution No. 2025-20 approved by the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, Board of Trustees assembled at a Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2025. The second reading is scheduled to be heard on August 19, 2025.



Debra A. Swanson, Clerk  
Charter Township of Ypsilanti