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Sponsored by: Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Committee

BILL NO. ORDINANCE NO. 2017-DRAFT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-101 OF THE MARYLAND HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CODE TO CONTROL INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARYLAND HEIGHTS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 17-101 of the Maryland Heights Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 17-101. Nuisance declared.

(a) All weeds and grasses in violation of the property maintenance code are declared a public nuisance. On farms and lots of three (3) acres or more located in a "NU" Non-Urban District, all weeds and grasses of a height of sixteen (16) inches or more are declared a public nuisance.

(b) All trees in the city upon any property which have been declared dead by the building commissioner are a nuisance and a hazard to the public welfare.

(c) All invasive non-native, exotic plant species are declared a public nuisance. The planting, cultivation and propagation of all invasive non-native, exotic plant species shall be prohibited on all property, public or private. Invasive non-native, exotic plant species are as defined by the Missouri Department of Conservation, which include, but are not limited to the following plants:

1. Autumn Olive, Elaeagnus umbellate
2. Bamboo, Phyllostachys varieties
3. Bush Honeysuckle, Lonicera maakii
4. Callery Pear, Pyrus calleryana
5. Canada Thistle, Cirsium arvense
6. Chinese Yam, Dioscorea oppositifolia
7. Common Buckthorn, Rhamnus cathartica
8. Common Reed, Phragmites australis
9. Crown Vetch, Secutigera varia
10. Common and Cut-Leaved Teasel, Dipsacus fullonum
11. Garlic Mustard, Alliaria petiolate
12. Hydrilla, Hydrilla verticillata
13. Japanese Honeysuckle, Lonicera japonica
14. Japanese Hop, Humulus japonicas
15. Japanese Knotweed, Falopia japonica
16. Japanese Stiltgrass, microstegium vimineum
17. Johnson Grass, Sorghum halepense
18. Kudzu, Pueraria lobata
19. Leafy Spurge, Euphorbia esula
20. Multiflora Rose, Rosa multiflora
21. Musk Thistle, Carduus nutans
22. Old World Bluestems, Bothriochloa Bladhii and B. ischemum
23. Purple Loosestrife, Lythrum salicaria
24. Reed Canary Grass, Phalaris arundinacea
25. Sericea Lespedeza, Lespedeza cuneata
26. Spotted Knapweed, Centaurea maculosa
27. Tall Fescue, Festuca arundinacea
28. White and Yellow Sweet Clover, Melilotus officinalis and M. albus
29. Wintercreeper, Euonymous fortunei

Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 19TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.

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MAYOR/PRESIDING OFFICER

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS _______ DAY OF OCTOBER 2017.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK