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To: Dee F. Bruemmer, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: March 20, 2012

Re: Adoption of the 2012 Weed Destruction Program for Scott County.

In accordance with Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, 2010 Scott County is required to annually adopt a weed destruction program. The weed destruction program establishes the dates by which various weeds must be abated. Staff would recommend that the Board approve a resolution identifying the various noxious weeds that must be abated. Failure to comply with due notice of an order to abate can result in the County contracting to have the weeds abated and assessing the property owner for the cost plus an administrative fee. Annual approval of the weed destruction program resolution allows the cost of any abatement to be assessed against the property. Generally, in previous years, this option has only been necessary on rare occasions. Most property owners comply with a request to abate when they are contacted on site, by phone or sent a certified letter.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON _____.

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 29, 2012

ADOPTING THE 2012 WEED DESTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR SCOTT COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the weed destruction program for Scott County pursuant to Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, 2011, is hereby adopted. The Weed Commissioner is directed to administer the noxious weed destruction program guided by pamphlet entitled "Iowa Noxious Weeds".

Section 2. That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands within Scott County shall cut, burn, or otherwise control all noxious weeds thereon, as listed below each year and in such manner as to prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity and as often as necessary to prevent seed production:

Section 3. The Board of Supervisors declares that from early Spring until first frost the following plant species are determined to be noxious weeds: Tree of heaven, garlic mustard, musk thistle, Canada thistle, bull thistle, spotted knapweed, Russian knapweed, yellow starthistle, poison hemlock, teasel, leafy spurge, serica lespedeza, Eurasian watermilfoil, wild parsnip, Japanese bamboo, multiflora rose and Russian thistle.

Section 4. The Board of Supervisors declares that the following plant species are determined to be prohibited plants: flowering rush, Grecian foxglove, giant hogweed, purple loosestrife, wand loosestrife, pampas grass.

Section 5. Each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Scott County, who fails to comply with the Weed Commissioner's order to destroy noxious weeds, shall be in violation of the program. The Weed Commissioner may impose a maximum penalty of a twenty dollar fine for each day, up to 10 days, that the owner or person in control of the land fails to comply. After which, the Weed Commissioner shall cause the weeds to be controlled. The expense of controlling the weeds, plus a 25 percent administrative cost, and fine shall be assessed on the tax rolls against the real estate on which the weeds were growing.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.