

Chambersburg Code of Ordinances  
Chapter 109  
Brush, Grass and Weeds  
Section 109-1.A

**Administrative Enforcement Policy**  
**Approved by the Borough Manager on April 28, 2008**

**PERSONNEL** – This Section is enforced by the Property Maintenance Code Officials and/or others designated by the Borough Manager's Office.

**STANDARDS** – This Section is enforced with the following exceptions:

- 1) Naturally overgrown woodlands;
- 2) Swampy or marshy areas (not including detention/retention basins);
- 3) Agricultural areas;
- 4) Steep slopes or broken terrain (not including detention/retention basins);
- 5) Within fencerows;
- 6) Cultural flower/vegetable gardens;
- 7) Beyond 300 feet from a residence/business;
- 8) Beyond 30 feet from a curb line in developing land.

Judgment by the above referenced staff shall be used when there is good reason not to make an exception or to make an exception even if not listed above.

**PROCEDURES** – This section shall be enforced in the following manner:

- 1) Primarily the ordinance is enforced upon complaint or observation.
- 2) Assigned personnel will inspect and determine violation.
- 3) If an occupant is available when determining a violation, an effort is made to persuade him/her to take care of problem.
- 4) If no occupant is available or if occupant declines to take care of problem, personnel must determine who the occupant is or, if a vacant lot or multiple unit building, who the owner is.
- 5) If a) the occupant who said he would take care of the problem and did not after five (5) calendar days or b) no occupant was available, a form letter by ordinary mail will be sent to the owner or occupant giving him five (5) calendar days to comply or else the Borough will have the violation corrected and/or he will be issued a citation and prosecuted.
- 6) If after seven (7) calendar days from the date of the letter the violation has not been corrected, personnel will proceed to exercise the options above.