



TOWN OF OAKLAND
N4450 County Road A
Cambridge, WI 53523

TOWN OF OAKLAND JEFFERSON COUNTY

MEMO TO: TOWN BOARD

RE: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE

Rick Stadelman's advice pertaining to our current ordinance #27:

1. Recommends the complaint be given directly to the police officer, rather than the Clerk for these reasons:
 - This is a "nuisance" ordinance and if a citation is issued there will need to be written complaints and supporting witnesses if property owner is brought into court
 - Town Board must have citizen support in order to enforce it as the WTA has determined that we can't go on private property to take care of weed problems
2. Item 2 could be amended to clarify what the Board deems debris/rubbish/hazards to actually consist of.
3. An item should be added to the ordinance which authorizes the police officer to inspect the premises contained in the complaint for potential violations of the ordinance. It should also state that per state statute 66.0119 the officer may request a circuit court judge issue an inspection warrant if the property owner refuses the officer entry on or into the property.
4. If the officer is asked who the complainant is, the officer must reveal the information under the open records law, 19.36(2) of the statutes.