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**Invasive plant advisory committee.**

- (A) There is hereby created an invasive plant advisory committee.
- (B) The advisory committee shall be considered a part of the department of agriculture for the purposes of providing advice to the director on matters regarding invasive plants, including but not limited to the identification of invasive plant species and cultivars and the establishment of prohibited activities regarding those species and cultivars.
- (C) The advisory committee shall consist of the following members:
- (1) The director of the department of agriculture or ~~his~~their designee, who shall be the chairperson of the advisory committee;
  - (2) The director of the Ohio department of natural resources or ~~his~~their designee;
  - (3) The director of the Ohio environmental protection agency or ~~his~~their designee;  
and
  - (4) The following representatives as appointed by the director of the department of agriculture:
    - (a) A member of academia with knowledge of invasive plants and horticulture employed at college or university located in this state; and
    - (b) An individual who represents the interests of the nursery and landscaping industry.
- (D) The advisory committee shall hold at least one regular meeting each year and may hold additional meetings at times that the chairperson or a majority of the advisory committee members considers appropriate.
- (E) Notice of hearings:
- (1) Regular meetings: Notice of all of the advisory board's regularly scheduled meetings, including date, starting time, and location will be posted on the Ohio department of agriculture's web site [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov) at least ten days in advance of all scheduled meetings.
  - (2) Special meetings: Notice of date, time, place, and purpose of any special meetings will be posted on the Ohio department of agriculture's website [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov) at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting. Notice may also be sent to other media outlets that requested such information.

- (3) Emergency meetings: Notice of date, time, location, and purpose of all emergency meetings will be given to all news media who requested prior notification, and the meeting notice will be posted in the department's website [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov).
- (4) Any person may obtain prior notice of the date, time, and location of any regularly scheduled, special, or emergency, meetings when a particular type of business is to be discussed by requesting prior notification in writing at [plant@agri.ohio.gov](mailto:plant@agri.ohio.gov) or writing to the "Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Health, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068."
- ~~(E)~~(F) A majority of the advisory committee constitutes a quorum. The advisory committee may act only if a quorum is present and only by a majority vote of the members. The advisory committee may create subcommittees that it considers appropriate to make recommendations to the ~~council~~committee. Subcommittees may include members who do not serve on the ~~council~~committee.
- ~~(F)~~(G) Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation for their services and may be removed from the advisory committee at anytime by the director.

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