

## CHAPTER 52

### MOWING OF PROPERTY

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**52.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to require property owners and occupants to maintain lawns at a neat and uniform height within the boundaries of their property and abutting street right-of-way in order to prevent unsightly, offensive or nuisance conditions.

**52.02 MOWING PROPERTIES.** Any property within the City, including residential, commercial, or industrial zoned districts, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation (grass and weeds) reaches a height of more than six (6) inches. The property owner and occupant are also jointly and severally responsible for mowing the abutting space between the lot line and the curb line or edge of the traveled portion of the street right-of-way and one half of any alley abutting the property.

**52.03 VIOLATION.** Violation of this chapter will be determined by visual observation and measurement. When a violation has occurred, the City will send written notice by mail to the property owner informing said owner of the violation and the action that is to be taken.

**52.04 NOTICE.** The notice shall set forth that the property owner has seven (7) days from the date of the notice to have the vegetation cut so that the height conforms with this chapter. The notice shall set forth the address of the property in question and shall instruct the property owner that the notice constitutes notice for the balance of the mowing season and that further action will be taken by the City to remedy the problem if it occurs again on the same property without additional written notice being given.

**52.05 FAILURE TO COMPLY.** If the property owner fails to cut the vegetation so that it conforms with this chapter, and within the time period set forth in the notice, the City may cause the vegetation to be cut and the cost of this action will be assessed against the property. The fee for this service will be set by resolution.

**52.06 ADDITIONAL VIOLATIONS.** Any property owner who violates this chapter will be given one notice per summer without additional written notice being given.

**52.07 EXCEPTIONS.** This chapter pertains to all residential, business and industrial land within the City limits, but excludes agricultural land within the City.