



Weed Ordinance Update: Large Tract Properties

City Council Study Session Pres 21-01 Jan 25, 2021

Study Session Review

- May and October 2019: Council study sessions held to discuss nuisance weed regulations
 - Desired Outcome:
 - Achieve consistency by revising tier system and adjusting height regulations
 - Clarify duty of responsibility to maintain adjacent right-of-way
 - Public properties have the same expectations as private property owners
 - Action Items based on Council direction:
 - Establish a more consistent regulation for large tract owners
 - Increase violation fees
 - Continue community education and notices
 - Increase enforcement during months that would be ideal for faster weed growth
 - Update Sec 6-2012 (weed regulations) and Sec 3-2304 (fines)

Council Presentation May 4, 2020

- Staff presented Ordinance 2268 which updated Sec. 6-2012 and 3-2304 to address council desires

| Desired Outcome | Outcome |
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| Adjust three tier system | Simplified the three tier system to a two tier system |
| Change height requirement | Established a more consistent look by changing the growth height on undeveloped lots |
| Clarify duty to maintain right-of-way | Updated language to better address maintenance responsibilities and requirements |
| Increase fees to encourage compliance | Increased fines associated with weeds and abatements |
| Consistent expectations for public and private property | Public Works will discuss in a spate presentation. |

- Council motioned to include an exception for agriculture properties under 6-2012(b)(1)(d)



Council Presentation June 6, 2020

- Per Council's motion, language was added to the proposed exceptions in Sec. 6-2012 (b)Duty to Maintain (1) Weeds and Grass (d) Exceptions:
 - iv. Public right of way adjacent to Property that (1) has been actively farmed with commercial crops for the last 3 years, (2) is greater than one acre, and (3) lacks curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Study Session

- Original goal: Update Sec 6-2012 and 3-2304 to:
 - Achieve a consistent look that is aesthetically pleasing
 - Clear language to better address maintenance responsibilities (exception to include agriculture)
 - Simplify the complex tier system
 - Create a fee structure specific to nuisance weed regulations



Questions

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