



Noxious Weed Plan and Weed Ordinance Change

March 23, 2015

Agenda

- Weed Ordinance Changes
- Noxious weed Plan Adoption



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Background

- In January and March, 2015, staff presented a variety of issues concerning common and noxious weeds
- Council gave direction on many of these issues
- This presentation is a follow-through on two specific items, Noxious Weed Plan and Weed Ordinance amendments



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Weed Ordinance Amendment



Weed Ordinance

- Staff has updated the weed ordinance to include 2 changes:
 - Require that large parcels (>5 acres) maintain weeds lower than 8 inches along the perimeter when adjacent to developed land, such as homes
 - Clarify the language that requires large parcels maintain the 20 ft. perimeter is measured from the ROW and not edge of roadway



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Noxious Weeds Plan Adoption



City Wide Plan - Background

- State Noxious Weed Law mandates that local jurisdictions have their own local plan for how to control and contain noxious weeds
- Must address certain aspects of noxious weeds
- Staff looked at approved plans from the county and nearby jurisdictions for guidance
- Commerce City draft plan is attached



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Noxious Weed Plan - Contents

- Introduction, Purpose, Authority, Scope, and Definitions
- Noxious Weed Overview (State and Local level)
- Objectives and Goals
- Plan of Work and Implementation
- Enforcement



Recommendation

Staff recommends **approval** of both items:

1. Amendments to the Weed Ordinance
2. Adoption of the Noxious Weed Plan



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Questions?

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