



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
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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