



# **Ordinance #2268: An update to the Municipal Code Sec. 3-2304 Penalties and Sec. 6-2012.- Maintenance of Property**

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City Council March 15, 2021

# Ordinance 2268 Recap

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- May & October 2019: Council study sessions held to discuss nuisance weed regulations for large tract properties
- May 4, 2020: Staff presented Ordinance 2268, which updated Sec. 6-2012 and 3-2304
- June 1, 2020 staff incorporated language to include an exception for certain property conditions
- July 6, 2020 Public Works provided additional information in which Council made a motion for an additional study session
- Jan 25, 2021 staff presented council with an additional study session
- March 15, 2021 presenting Ord 2268: An update to the Municipal Code Sec. 3-2304 Penalties and Sec. 6-2012.- Maintenance of Property



# Proposed Amendment

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- Clarify duty of responsibility to maintain property

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- Changed title of Sec. 6-2012 to better capture the intent of the Code, which is maintenance of property
  - Clarified and updated definitions to reduce confusion as to private property owner vs. municipal responsibility

# Proposed Amendment

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- Achieve consistency by revising the tier system and establishing a more consistent regulation for large tract owners
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- Updated title of sections
- Simplified tier system by reducing the Three Tier system to Two Tiers of enforcement
- Clarified and updated language

# Proposed Amendment

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- Exceptions
    - Native or ornamental grasses
    - Wetland
    - Agriculture properties that are actively being farmed
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- Clarified the exceptions
- Added wetlands and agricultural properties

# Proposed Amendment

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- Increase violation fees for large lots

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- Under Sec. 3-2304. – Penalties; a specific penalty structure was added for large lots

# Next Steps

- If Council's direction is to move forward with the amendments, staff will:
  - Send direct mail to notify large lot owners of the changes
  - Continue outreach efforts to update the community through
    - Direct Mail/News Letters
    - Social Media
    - City Website
    - HOA / Community Events
  - Increase pro-active presence in high growth areas during active or increased grow times



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# Questions

