ARTICLE III. GRASS AND WEEDS

Sec. 82-86. Weed growth prohibited.

No person owning any premises shall permit or maintain on any such premises any growth of noxious weeds; nor any growth of grass or other rank vegetation to a greater height than six inches on the average; nor any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush on any lot less than one acre in size. On lots in excess of one acre in size, no person owning any premises shall permit or maintain within 50 feet from the edge of the street or property line, any growth of noxious weeds; nor any growth of grass or other rank vegetation to a greater height than six inches on the average; nor any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush. Noxious weeds shall include Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), dodders (any species of Cuscuta), mustards (charlock, black mustard and Indian mustard, species of Brassica or Sinapis), wild carrot (Daucus carota), bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis), perennial sowthistle (Sonchus arvensis), hoary alyssum (Berteroa incana), ragweed (ambrosia elatior 1.) and poison ivy (rhus toxicodendron), poison sumac (toxicodendron vernix).

(Ord. No. 95-06, § 1, 7-17-95)

Sec. 82-87. Duty of owner.

It shall be the duty of the owner of any premises within the city to cut and remove or destroy by lawful means all such noxious weeds and grass as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of section 82-86.

(Ord. No. 95-06, § 2, 7-17-95)

Sec. 82-88. Cutting by city upon failure of owner to comply.

If any person shall fail to comply with the provisions of section 82-87 by the specified time, the city manager shall, through the department of public works, cause all such grass and noxious weeds to be cut or destroyed upon lands of the person not complying with the provisions of this article. The director of the department shall keep an accurate account of all expense incurred with respect to each parcel of land entered upon in carrying out the provisions of this article and shall make a sworn statement of the account and present it to the city manager.

(Ord. No. 95-06, § 3, 7-17-95)

Sec. 82-89. Collection of costs from owner.

A copy of the sworn statement provided for in section 82-88, including an account of the costs incurred on each of the several descriptions or parcels of property, shall be transmitted to the city treasurer. The city treasurer shall add to all such accounts $300.00 to cover the costs of publication, overhead and other expense, and collect the total amount as provided in section 1.12 of the Charter, and shall be a lien against the premises pursuant thereto.
Sec. 82-90. Notice of requirements.

The city clerk shall on or before May 1 of each year give notice of requirements and provisions of this article by publishing a notice once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

Sec. 82-91. Exemptions.

Exempted from the provisions of this article are flower gardens, plots of shrubbery, vegetable gardens and small grain plots. An exemption under the terms of this section cannot be claimed unless the land has been cultivated and cared for in a manner appropriated to such exempt categories.

(Ord. No. 95-06, § 5, 7-17-95)