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(Haysville Municipal Code)

During the Spring and Summer months, the City of Haysville receives many complaints of high grass and weeds on both residential and commercial properties.

Not only do the high grass and weeds look bad, but they can also be a health and safety risk.

To help reduce these potential problems, the Haysville Governing Body has enacted weed regulations to deal with these issues.

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Understanding the “Weed” Regulations



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Weeds to be removed.

“It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or other person occupying or having charge or control of any property or premises to permit weeds as hereinafter defined to exist or remain upon said premises or any area between the property lines of said premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley including, but not limited to, sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, rights-of-way and all other public or private areas. All weeds are hereby declared a nuisance and are subject to abatement as provided in this ordinance. Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a Code violation and shall be subject to such fines and penalties as provided for in this article.”

(Section 11-1401, Haysville Municipal Code)

What does this mean to you?

Simply, it is unlawful to permit weeds, as defined in this brochure, to remain upon the premises of both public and private properties. The city has the authority to bring violating properties into compliance and to charge the property owner the costs incurred in addition to fines.

Weeds defined.

For the purpose of the “Weed” regulations, Weeds means any of the following:

Brush and woody vines;

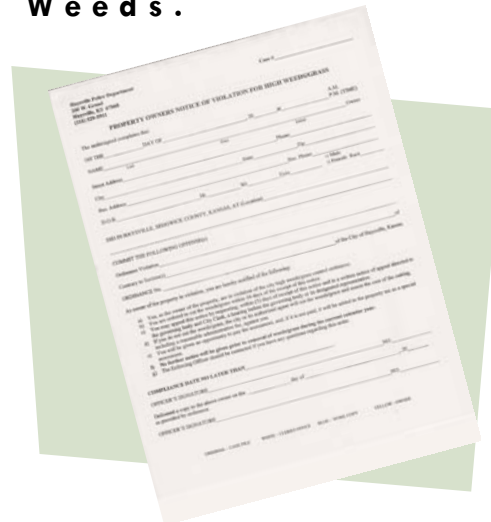
Weeds and grasses which have attained such growth they have become a fire menace to adjacent property;

Weeds which bear or may bear seeds of a downy or wingy nature;

Weeds which are located in an area that harbors rats, insects, animals, reptiles, or any other creature which may constitute a menace to health, public safety or welfare;

Weeds and indigenous grasses which, because of their height (above 12 inches), have a blighting influence on neighboring properties.

Notice to Remove Weeds.



The enforcing officer will send a written notice to the person(s) in charge of any premises upon which weeds exist in violation of the City Code. This notice will be sent by certified mail (return receipt requested) or by personal service. This notice will state the following:

The property is in violation;

The weeds/grass must be cut within 10 days of receiving the notice;

If the violation is not taken care of in the allowed time, the city may proceed to cut such weeds and assess the cost of the cutting, including an administrative fee, against the person(s) in charge of the property;

If the assessment is not paid, it will be added to the property tax as a special assessment; and

No further notice will be given prior to removal of weeds/grass by the city during the current calendar year.

Fines.

Violators of the “Weed” Regulations shall be fined as follows:

1st offense – \$25, fine shall be waived if the violation is corrected within 10 days.

2nd offense – \$50

3rd offense – \$100

4th, or subsequent offense – \$200.

Court costs will be assessed in addition to these fines.