

# Weeds and Grass

Mow your yard and any area between your property and the paved area of all adjacent streets often.

## COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

Grass

**Grass Must Be Below 12 Inches**

### ***Grass and weeds may not be taller than 12 inches in height on any residential lots (vacant or occupied).***

Yard maintenance requires mowing any untended growth of grass or weeds in excess of 12 inches in height. Brush and woody vines, rank grass, uncultivated plants, and unmaintained vegetation shall be classified as weeds.

The property owners are responsible for the maintenance of plant material between the property lines of the premises and the centerline of any adjacent property, whether public or private, except as specifically exempted by the City Council.

**8-602. WEEDS DEFINED; PROHIBITED FROM CAUSING BLIGHT OR ADVERSE IMPACT.** For the purposes of and to effect this article, Weeds means any of the following: (a) Brush and woody vines, rank grass, uncultivated plants, and unmaintained vegetation shall be classified as weeds; (b) Weeds and grasses which may attain such growth as to become a fire menace to adjacent property; (c) Weeds which bear or may bear seeds of a downy or wingy nature; (d) Weeds and grasses which are located in an area which harbors rats, insects, animals, reptiles, or any other creature which may or does constitute a menace to health, public safety or welfare; 7-34 (e) Weeds and indigenous grasses which, because of their height, have a blighting influence on neighboring property or properties. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed twelve inches in height, except when part of an approved indigenous grass planting. (f) Weeds as defined above growing on lots 1) upon which no dwelling is located or associated and 2) which are not actively being cultivated for agricultural purposes, as defined in K.S.A. 2-3201 et seq., shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed eighteen inches in height; areas of easement located between sidewalks and roadways shall not exceed twelve (12) inches in height. Alternatively, maintenance plan for

subdivision developments under construction may be submitted to the City by the project developer for approval by the Director of Public Works. Such maintenance plans shall be considered for approval if appropriate for specific area and construction timeline of the project. The City may require modification of the maintenance plan at any time to conform to changing environmental and other conditions. (g) The owner, or lessee, of any large lot which is mowed to preserve grasses and weeds for animal feed purposes (prairie hay) shall notify the City of such intentions, and provide the office of the City Clerk a mowing schedule for such lot. Failure to cut grasses and weeds upon such lot in conformance with the mowing schedule as provided can result in a substantial adverse effect on the public health and safety as set forth in (b) or (d) above, and shall result in a notice to remove as described in this article. (Ord. 670; Ord. 710; Ord. 724; Ord. 743; Ord. 812; Ord. 855; Ord. 955; Code 2011)

**8-602:** [City Code Chapter 8](#)