

CHAPTER 52

GRASS AND WEEDS

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52.01 WEEDS AND GRASS CONTROL. The maximum height of grass and/or weeds (such as jimson, burdock, ragweed, thistle, cocklebur or other plants of like kind) shall be eight (8) inches in developed residential, commercial and industrial zoned districts, twelve (12) inches in unplatted districts other than agricultural districts. The provisions of this chapter apply to all noxious weeds (as defined by the State of Iowa Department of Agriculture) and all grass, weeds, non-ornamental brush, vines, and other dense and rank growth upon public or private property. The property owner and occupant are jointly and severally responsible for mowing the abutting space between the lot line and the curb line or edge of the traveled portion of the street right-of-way and one-half of any alley abutting the property. A lot may be exempted from the foregoing provision on the following conditions:

52.02 NUISANCE VIOLATION. A weed and grass control nuisance violation is created when:

1. All grass, weeds, non-ornamental brush, vines or other rank growth in excess of eight (8) inches exists on public or private property to the centerline of streets and alleys.
2. All grass, weeds, non-ornamental brush, vines or other rank growth in excess of twelve (12) inches exists on property that is platted as a lawful subdivision and/or is part of a planned development that has received approval from the City.
3. All grass, weeds, non-ornamental brush, vines or other rank growth in excess of eighteen (18) inches exists within twenty (20) feet of the exterior perimeter of property that is zoned for agricultural purposes and is used for the raising of crops, livestock, or other use as allowed by this Code of Ordinances.

52.03 NOTICE TO ABATE. Upon discovery of any violations of this Chapter, the City may within forty-eight (48) hours initiate abatement procedures as outlined in Chapter 50 of this Code of Ordinances.