

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROHIBITED VEGETATION

In order to preserve and maintain the public health and welfare and to prevent fire hazards, no owner or occupant of any lot, place or area within the city, or the agent of such owner, shall permit on such lot, place or area, or upon any abutting sidewalk or street, any noxious weeds, grasses or deleterious or unhealthy growths, or other noxious or flammable matter, that may be growing, lying or located on such lot, place or area.

It shall be the duty of the owner, agent or occupant of any property located within one hundred sixty five (165) feet of a structure or the depth of ownership, whichever is the lesser, excepting public utility installations, to prevent weeds, grasses, brush or other vegetation from growing to a height of greater than eight (8) inches, nor shall such owner, agent, or occupant permit an accumulation of dead weeds, grasses, brush or other vegetation of a height greater than eight (8) inches on any such properties. Nothing in this section shall apply to trees, flower gardens, vegetation planted for ornamental purposes, vegetation in vegetable gardens or vegetation in fields devoted to an agricultural crop.

The City shall notify by posting on the premises, the owner, agent or occupant of any of the lands. Such notice shall contain a description of the prohibited condition and a summary of the provisions of this article. If the owner, agent or occupant of such land has failed within three (3) business days after such notice is delivered or posted to cut, destroy or remove the prohibited condition, the City may enter upon such land and destroy by cutting with or without mechanical equipment and/or otherwise remove the prohibited weeds, grasses, brush or other vegetation. All expenses incurred in such destruction and/or removal shall be billed to and paid by the owner, agent or occupant of such lands.

The City of Mason hereby notifies the public that noxious weeds shall be eradicated by cutting to a height of (8) inches or less. Weeds not cut by May 1, 2017 will be cut by the City, as many times as shall be necessary, and the owner of the property upon which such noxious weeds are found shall be charged with the cost thereof.

Any person or business violating the terms of this article shall be, in addition to the penalties herein before provided, deemed responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to a civil fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) plus applicable court costs and abatement costs.