

NOTICE FOR HEDRICK RESIDENTS

CHAPTER 53

MOWING

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53.01 DUTIES OF OWNERS TO CONTROL VEGETATION. It is unlawful for the owners of each lot and parcel of ground within the corporate limits to fail, refuse, or neglect to cut or destroy all weeds, vines, brush, or other growth and debris which constitute a health, safety, or fire hazard on said lots, parcels of ground, or on fronting or abutting streets and alleys.

53.02 CRITERIA. It shall be presumed that a health, fire, or safety hazard exists when weeds or other vegetation growth on any portion of a lot or parcel are in excess of eight inches in length.

53.03 MOWING OF PROPERTIES. Any property within the City whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than eight inches or more by April 15, May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, September 15, and October 15 of each year.

53.04 PENALTY. Any property, which is not been mowed after the vegetation reaches a height of eight inches by the dates identified in Section 53.03, may be mowed by the City or their agents. In the event the City or its agent mows the property the property owner shall be charged for the work as follows:

1. A minimum charge of \$75.00 which includes the first hour of work; plu,
2. An hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour for each hour of work or partial hour of work required to bring the property into compliance in excess of one hour; plus,
3. A surcharge which shall be as follows:
 - A. \$100.00 for the first mowing of the season.
 - B. \$200.00 for the second mowing of the season.
 - C. \$300.00 for the third mowing of the season.
 - D. \$400.00 for the fourth mowing of the season.
 - E. For any additional mowing during the same mowing season in excess of four the surcharge shall be increased by \$100.00.

Any property owners who fail to mow their properties, thus allowing the same to be mowed by the City or agents and who do not provide payment for the mowing as required within 30 days from the date of invoice, will be submitted to the County Treasurer for assessment in the same manner as property tax.

53.05 METHOD OF SERVICES AND BILLING. Annual publication of this chapter prior to April 15 of each year in a newspaper of general circulation in the City will serve as notice to property owners. Any billings for mowing done by the City or their agents are due to be sent by regular mail and are payable within 30 days of billing date. If not paid within said 30-day period, there will be an additional administrative fee of \$45.00 for each charge.

53.06 EXCEPTION. The following properties are excepted from this chapter:

1. Agricultural crops to supply people or animals with food, feed, or fiber which crops are timely harvested; and
2. Vegetable or flower gardens purposefully planted and maintained.