

705. Weeds

§705.010 WEEDS; REMOVAL, DUTY OF OWNER, LESSEE OR OCCUPANT. It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant, agent, servant, representative or employee of any such owner, lessee or occupant having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or parcel of land or any part thereof, including any contiguously abutting street boulevard areas in the City of White Bear Lake, to permit or maintain on such any growth of weeds, grass, brush or other rank vegetation to a greater height than twelve (12") inches on the average on the average or any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush. It shall also be unlawful for any such person or persons to cause, suffer or allow noxious weeds or plants identified and defined by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to grow on any such lot or parcel of land so as to endanger the health, safety and welfare of the City. Native grasses indigenous to Minnesota, planted and maintained on any occupied lot or parcel of land, setback a minimum of twenty (20') feet from the front property line as part of a garden or landscape treatment are exempt from this ordinance. (Ref. Ord. No. 815, 6/12/90)

It shall be the duty of any owner, lessee or occupant of any lot or parcel of land to cut and remove or chemically treat (as approved by the City of White Bear Lake) or cause to be cut and removed or chemically treated all such weeds, grass, brush or other rank, poisonous or harmful vegetation as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this section: provided, that cutting and removing or chemically treating such weeds, grass and vegetation at least once in every three (3) weeks, between May fifteenth (15th) and September fifteenth (15th) shall be deemed to be in compliance with this chapter. (Ref. Ord. No. 483, 4/14/70)

§705.020 WEEDS; REMOVAL BY CITY, LIEN. If the provisions of the foregoing section are not complied with, the Weed Inspector, appointed by the Mayor, under the authority of this chapter, and the State of Minnesota Department of Agriculture shall serve written notice upon the owner, lessee, occupant or any person having the care or control of any such lot or parcel of land to comply with the provisions of this chapter. If the person upon whom the notice is served fails, neglects or refuses to cut and remove or chemically treat or cause to be cut and removed or chemically treated such weeds, grass, brush or other vegetation within five (5) days after receipt of such notice, or if no person can be found in the City of White Bear Lake who is or claims to be the owner of such lot or parcel of land, the weed Inspector may cause such weeds, grass, brush or other vegetation to be cut and removed or chemically treated and the actual cost of such cutting and removal or chemical treating shall be certified by the City Clerk to the County Auditor to become a lien upon the property and shall be added to the real estate taxes next to be assessed. (Ref. Ord. No. 483, 4/14/70)