



MEDIA RELEASE

To: MEDIA & CITY DEPARTMENTS

From: Jeremy M. Jones, Director of Public Works

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Re: CITY OF WELLINGTON - WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM REMINDER

Reminder to all Property Owners of the City of Wellington:

City Code Enforcement will begin **Weed Abatement Program** in the upcoming weeks.

What is a weed or wild growth?

1. Brush and woody vines
2. Indigenous grasses that attain large growth and may become a fire hazard
3. Growth that may bear downy or winged seeds
4. Growth that harbors pests or vermin
5. Non-ornamental grasses or plants that are 12 inches in height

What is the property owner's responsibility?

It is the owner's responsibility to maintain the entirety of their yard (and any other properties they may own). This includes all yard and areas between property lines and centerlines of streets, alleys, easements, and rights-of-way, public or private.

What happens if properties are not maintained?

If an owner fails to maintain their property, a Weed Notice will be issued by the City of Wellington Building & Codes Department. This Notice will remain in effect until **December 31, 2020**. Separate notices **will not** be sent for recurring violations throughout the year. Once in place, notices **will not** be removed for any reason.

If an owner does not maintain their property after notice has been issued, the City will mow the property at the owner's expense. Mowing costs are calculated at \$100/hr. at a minimum of 1 hour, and then billed in ½ hour increments thereafter to be rounded to the next ½ hour. An Administrative fee of \$50 will also be included in the cost. Recurring violations will be mowed without additional notice.

**The above is a summary of City Code, and does not supersede City Code.*

The City of Wellington encourages all property owners to be mindful about the condition of their property. If there are any questions, citizens are encouraged to contact the Building & Codes Department by telephone at (620) 326-3871. You may also reach us via email: codecompliance@cityofwellington.net