

TITLE 13

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS¹

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13-101. Detrimental to health, safety, etc. The unrestricted growth of weeds, high grass and underbrush upon property in the city is hereby found to be, or likely to be, detrimental to the health, safety, morals, convenience and general welfare of the citizens of the city because of the tendency to aggravate hay fever, asthma, and other respiratory diseases, and because of the hazard of grass and brush fires in dry seasons. (1986 Code, § 8-301)

13-102. Height regulated. It shall be the duty of all owners of all property in the city to cause the weeds, grass and underbrush to be maintained at a height no greater than eight inches above ground level. (1986 Code, § 8-302)

13-103. City manager to make inspections and give notice of violations. The city manager is hereby directed to make regular inspections of all property within the city to determine if such cutting and removal of weeds, high grass and underbrush has been accomplished in accordance with the provisions of § 13-102. In the event he shall find any property upon which such cutting and removal has not been so accomplished, then he shall cause notice to be forwarded to the last known address of all owners of such property as are shown upon the tax books of the city, which notice shall be forwarded by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to such owners, and such

¹Municipal code references

Obstruction of drainage ditches: § 16-101.

Removal of dog excrement: § 10-101.

notice shall advise the owners that there has been no compliance with § 13-102 of this code, and shall further advise that, in the event compliance is not effected within seven (7) calendar days from the date of mailing such notice, the city will cause such cutting and removal to be accomplished, and the expense thereof charged to the property and the owners thereof as shown by said tax books. (1986 Code, § 8-303)

13-104. Abatement by city of violations. The city manager is authorized and directed to prepare and send all such notices as are provided for in § 13-103 hereinabove and, in the event the cutting and removal required by this chapter shall not have been accomplished in the time allowed in such notice, then the city manager is further authorized and directed to cause such cutting and removal to be done at the expense of the city and to cause an account therefor to be made for each tract or parcel of property upon which such cutting and removal is done. The city manager shall then notify the owners of the property of the amount of such expense, in the same manner as in § 13-103 hereinabove, and shall further notify such owners that reimbursement of such expense is required within seven (7) days from date of such notice. (1986 Code, § 8-304)

13-105. Liability for costs incurred by city. All owners of property shall be liable, jointly and severally, for the expense of such cutting and removal accomplished by the city upon their property, and the property itself shall be subject to suit for reimbursement of such expenses. In the event the expenses of such cutting and removal shall not have been paid within the seven (7) day period allowed following notice as hereinabove provided, then the expenses shall be entered upon the tax books of the city as a lien against each such parcel of property whereon such expense was incurred. In the event such expense shall not have been reimbursed by the date upon which taxes are due and payable for the year in which same was incurred, then the city manager shall cause to be added to said amounts, penalty and interest as are applicable to delinquent assessments, which shall constitute a lien on the property. (1986 Code, § 8-305)