

## CHAPTER 52

# LAWN MAINTENANCE

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**52.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this chapter is to require property owners and occupants to maintain lawns at a neat and uniform height within the boundaries of their property and on abutting street right-of-way in order to prevent unsightly, offensive, or nuisance conditions.

**52.02 MOWING REQUIRED.** Every owner of any property within the City, whether such property is occupied or unoccupied, shall cut, mow, and maintain all grass, weeds, brush, vines, and other vegetation upon the property and adjacent to the curb line or outer boundary of any street or alley to a height not to exceed six (6) inches; except for: (i) any cultivated, agricultural and garden commodities; and (ii) horticultural garden varieties, provided the same are regularly maintained and otherwise free from the type of offensive vegetation which would constitute a nuisance.

**52.03 ABATEMENT.** In addition to the remedies available to the City under the *Code of Iowa* or under any other provisions of this Code of Ordinances, including (but not limited to) Section 1.14 - Standard Penalty, Chapter 4 - Municipal Infractions, and Chapter 50 - Nuisance Abatement, under the *Code of Iowa* the City may, upon discovery of any violation of this chapter, perform the mowing required and assess the costs against the property for collection in the same manner as a property tax. This chapter shall constitute notice as contemplated by Section 364.12(3) of the *Code of Iowa*.

**52.04 COSTS.** For a first offense under this chapter, the cost assessed shall be \$50.00 plus the cost of labor and equipment; for a second offense the cost shall be \$100.00 plus labor and equipment. If payment is not made within 30 days, the City shall assess the costs as described in Section 52.03.