

City Ordinance Information

☐ **\$92.38 OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIMING, REMOVAL AND THE LIKE**

(A) All property owners shall be responsible for the removal, cutting, or disposal and elimination of weeds; or grasses and rank vegetation or other uncontrolled plant growth on their property, which at the time of the notice, is in excess of 12 inches in height.

(B) These provisions shall not apply to an area established with meadow vegetation if: 1) The prior vegetation is eliminated and the meadow vegetation is planted through transplanting or seed by human or mechanical means; and 2) a sign is posted on the property in a location likely to be seen by the public, advising that a meadow or prairie is being established. This sign must be no smaller than 10 inches square, no larger than 1 square foot, and no higher than 3 feet tall.

*****("Property Owner" is defined to include a person having control over property or a right-of-way, which is the section commonly referred to as the boulevard between the street and property line.)**

☐ **\$92.41 APPEALS**

(A) The property owner may appeal by filing written notice of objections with the City Council within 48 hours of the notice, excluding weekends and holidays, if the property owner contests the findings of the City Council. It is the property owner's responsibility to demonstrate that the matter in question is shrubs, trees, cultivated plants or crops or is not otherwise in violation of chapter 92, and shall not be subject to destruction under the subchapter.

(B) An appeal by the property owner shall be brought before the City Council and shall be decided by a majority vote of the Council Members in attendance and being at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the City Council.

☐ **\$92.42 ABATEMENT BY CITY**

In the event that the property owner shall fail to comply with the Destruction Order within seven regular business days and has not filed a notice within 48 hours to the City Clerk of an intent to appeal, the City Council may employ the services of city employees or outside contractors and remove the weeds or uncontrolled vegetation to conform to this subchapter by all lawful means. No person shall enter the property to abate the nuisance, except from the permission of the owner, resident or other person in control of the property.

☐ **\$92.43 LIABILITY**

The property owner is liable for all costs or removal, cutting or destruction of weeds as defined by this subchapter.



This violation notice is in effect for 12 months from the date of this warning. Future violations will be remedied by the City without further notice at the expense of the property owner. If any reoccurrence of the nuisance conditions occur within the next 12 months, the penalty payment shall be increased by 25% above the previous payment. Failure to pay for said services upon billing can result in these costs being assessed against the property and placed on the annual tax roll.

Failure to comply with this notice can result in a \$200.00 Administrative Penalty Citation for each day the violation is permitted to exist past the listed deadline.

Failure to make payment to the City office (131 E Main St PO Box 32, Vergas MN 56587) of the penalty for the violation may result in prosecution consistent with applicable Vergas City Codes and Zoning Ordinances and Minnesota State Statutes.

For more information on the violation definitions and penalties visit the City website at www.cityofvergas.com.

OFFICE CHECKLIST

Notice of violation method?

Mailed / Posted / Delivered

Recheck Date: _____

Weed Inspector: _____

Incident #: _____

Issue Resolved? **YES / NO**

Contractor Notified Date: _____

Contractor Invoice #: _____

Did Violation result in any of the following:

____ Administrative Penalty

____ Assessment

____ Prosecution

Photos Taken? (Please Circle) **YES / NO**

Notes: