

CHAPTER 95: WEEDS

Section

- 95.01 Cutting and removal of grass, weeds and other rank, poisonous or harmful vegetation
- 95.02 Duty of owner, lessee or occupant
- 95.03 When city to do work
- 95.04 Definition

§ 95.01 CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER RANK, POISONOUS OR HARMFUL VEGETATION.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, or occupant, or any agent, servant, representative or employee of any owner, lessee or occupant having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or land or any part thereof in the City of Waterville to permit or maintain on any lot or land, or on or along the sidewalk, street or alley adjacent to the same between the property line and the curb or middle of the alley or for ten feet outside the property line if there be no curb, any growth of weeds, grass, brush, or other rank vegetation to a greater height than 12 inches on the average, or any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush.

(B) It shall also be unlawful for any person or persons to cause, suffer or allow poison ivy, ragweed or other poisonous plants, or plants detrimental to health to grow on any lot or land in a manner that any part of the ivy, ragweed, or other poisonous or harmful weed shall extend upon, overhang or border any public place or allow to seed, pollen or other poisonous particles or emanations therefrom to be carried through the air into any public place.

(Ord. 801.07, passed 7-2-1991) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 95.02 DUTY OF OWNER, LESSEE OR OCCUPANT.

It shall be the duty of any owner, lessee or occupant of any lot or land to cut and remove or cause to be cut and removed all weeds, grass, brush or other rank, poisonous or harmful vegetation as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of § 95.01, provided that cutting and removing the weeds, grass and vegetation at least once in every three weeks, between May 15 and September 15 shall be deemed to be a compliance with this chapter.

(Ord. 801.07, passed 7-2-1991) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 95.03 WHEN CITY TO DO WORK.

(A) If the provisions of the foregoing sections are not complied with, the City Administrator-Clerk shall serve written notice upon the owner, lessee or occupant or any person having the care or control of any lot or land to comply with the provisions of this chapter.

(B) If the person upon whom the notice is served fails, neglects or refuses to cut and remove or to cause to be cut and removed weeds, grass, brush or other vegetation within five days after receipt of the notice, or if no person can be found in the City of Waterville who either is or claims to be the owner of the lot or land, or who either represents or claims to represent the owner, the City Administrator-Clerk shall cause the weeds, grass, brush and other vegetation on the lot or land to be cut and removed and the actual cost of cutting and removal, plus 5% for inspection and other additional costs in connection therewith, shall be certified by the City Administrator-Clerk to the county auditor and shall thereupon become and be a lien upon the property on which the weeds, grass, brush and other vegetation were located and shall be added to and become and form part of the taxes next to be assessed and levied upon the lot or land and shall bear interest at the rate as taxes and shall be collected and enforced by the same officer and in the same manner as taxes.

(Ord. 801.07, passed 7-2-1991)

§ 95.04 DEFINITION.

The word *PERSON* as used in this chapter shall mean and include one or more persons of either sex, natural persons, corporations, partnerships, associations, joint stock companies, societies and all other entities of any kind capable of being sued.

(Ord. 801.07, passed 7-2-1991)