

Weeds and brush

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Sec. 11-20. - Weeds and brush.

Any unauthorized accumulation of weeds or brush on any premises is declared to be a nuisance and a health hazard and is prohibited.

Dandelions in a population of ten (10) or more per square yard are declared to be a nuisance and a health hazard and is prohibited.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the following meanings ascribed to them, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Brush means volunteer growth of bushes, shrubs and trees such as are growing wild and without care and shall include all cuttings from trees, shrubs and bushes and high and rank shrubbery growth which may conceal filthy deposits.

Dandelions means the weed *Taraxacum officinale* weber.

Weeds means weeds, grass, brush or other vegetation which is in excess of twelve (12) inches in height. Bindweed, Canada thistle, perennial sowthistle, Russian knapweed, common ragweed, milkweed, common sunflower, Russian thistle, fireweed, mustards, sandburs and hairy stickweed shall constitute weeds, whether or not they are twelve (12) inches in height. This enumeration is not intended to be exclusive, but rather is intended to be indicative of those types of plants which are considered a detriment to the public health and safety, regardless of the height of said weeds. The term "weeds" shall not include flower gardens, plots of shrubbery, vegetable gardens, and small grain plots (wheat, barley, oats and rye).

Any landowner in areas zoned as LI (Light Industrial) or HI (Heavy Industrial) may apply for a temporary exemption to this section by applying for a permit from the public works director for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days. The public works director may, for good cause, issue such a permit. The issuance or denial of a temporary exemption permit is subject to the approval of the city manager.

The public works director may designate any city-owned land exempt from this section, subject to the approval of the city manager. A copy of said list shall be available for public inspection in the office of the public works department.

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