

803.07. Weeds and Vegetation-Cutting.

Su.bd. 1. It is unlawful for any owner, occupant or agent having control of any occupied or unoccupied lot or land, or any part thereof, to permit or maintain on any such lot or land or on or along the sidewalk, street or alley adjacent to game between the property line and the curb or middle of the alley or for ten feet outside the property line if there is no curb, any growth of weeds, grass or other rank vegetation to a greater height than six (6) inches on the average of any accumulation of dead weeds, grass, brush, felled trees or standing dead trees .

Su.bd. 2. 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 such weeds , grass , or other rank vegetation as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions in Subdivision 1; provided that cutting and removing such weeds, grass and rank vegetation at least once every three weeks between May 15 and September 15 shall be deemed to be a compliance with this Section.

Subd. 3. All trees, bushes or vegetation which overhangs a public entrance or public way shall be properly trimmed or removed so as not to obstruct or endanger the movement of pedestrians or vehicles. All dead trees or shrubbery or dead parts of trees within or that overhand public property or private property shall be promptly removed. All holes, pits, ditches and excavations whose diameter or length exceeds two feet and whose depth is one foot or more, where public access is available shall either be filled, covered, or fenced in such a manner as to prevent injuries to persons on the premises. It is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with the provisions of this Subdivision.

Subd. 4. If any such owner, occupant or agent fails to comply with this Section and after notice given by the City Manager, has not within seven (7) days of such notice complied, the City shall cause such weeds, grass or rank vegetation to be cut and the expenses thus incurred shall be lien upon such real estate. The City Clerk shall certify to the County Auditor of Freeborn County, a statement of the amount of the cost incurred by the City. Such together with interest shall be entered as a special assessment against such lot or parcel of land and be collected in the same manner as real estate taxes.

Subd. 5. Any ground, lot, parcel, vacant lot or portion thereof within a residential zoning district shall be graded and kept free of debris so it may be mowed and kept free of rank vegetation growth. Provision of notice, work by the City in addition of cost to taxes for vegetation mowing, shall also

apply to grading and removal of debris so that vegetation may be mowed. This subdivision shall not apply to lots or parcels being filled for development when located 200 feet or more from the next adjacent dwelling.

803 . 08. Obstructing Legal Process or Arrest.

It is unlawful for anyone to intentionally obstruct, hinder or arrest the lawful execution of any legal process, civil or criminal or apprehension of another on a charge or conviction of a criminal offense.

803.09. Abandoning a Motor Vehicle.

It is unlawful for any person to abandon a motor vehicle on any public or private property without the consent of the person in control of such property. For the purpose of this Section, a "motor vehicle" is as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 169.

Part 2. Tree Diseases

804.01. Declaration of Policy

The council determines that the health of the elm and oak trees within the municipal limits is threatened by fatal diseases known as Dutch elm and oak wilt diseases, and other trees may be threatened by other epidemic diseases of shade trees. It further determines that the loss of elm, oak and other trees growing upon public and private property would substantially depreciate the value of property within the City and impair the safety, good order, general welfare and conveniences of the public. It is declared to be the intention of the council to control and prevent the spread of those diseases and this ordinance is enacted for that purpose.

804.02. Forester

Subd. 1. Position Created. The position of forester is hereby created under the immediate supervision of the city clerk.

Subd. 2. Duties of Forester. It is the duty of the forester to coordinate, under the direction and control of the council, all activities of the municipality relating to the control and prevention of Dutch elm disease and oak wilt disease and other epidemic diseases of shade trees. The forester shall recommend to the council the details of a program for the control of such disease; and perform the duties incident to such a program adopted by the council.