

**Sec. 9-57. - Vegetative growth.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the city to permit weeds, brush, or grass to grow thereon to a height greater than 12 inches upon any undeveloped tract or acreage, or six inches upon any developed tract or lot. Weeds, brush or grass on undeveloped tracts shall be removed within 50 feet from any surface improvement or property line if there is no surface improvement. Brush, weeds and grass in excess of the limits set forth herein are hereby defined as public nuisances.
- (b) It shall be the duty of any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the city to keep the area adjacent to its property line, including the front or side parkway between the property line or sidewalk and the curb and the rear parkway between the property line and the alley pavement or travel way, or if there is no curb, in areas where development exists on both sides of an alley the property owner shall maintain vegetative growth in the rights-of-way between the property and the improved surface or center of the rights-of-way. In areas where the property is segregated from the rights-of-way by a barrier/screening device, the property owner shall be required to maintain both sides of the rights-of-way up to the barrier/screening device. Vegetative growth will be maintained to the height established for the type of property adjacent to the location. Trees and shrubs shall not be planted in alley rights-of-way. Trees and shrubs adjacent to the rights-of-way will be maintained so that the branches thereon will not interfere with pedestrian travel, vehicular line of sight or the provision of services.
- (c) It shall be the duty of any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property referred to in this article to cut and remove all weeds, brush and other objectionable or unsightly vegetation as often as may be necessary to comply with this article and to use every precaution to prevent the same from growing on such premises.
- (d) The following shall be used as a reference for examples of the requirements of this section:
- (1) *Developed property*: Tracts of land with structures on them.  
No weeds, grass, etc., shall grow to an excess of six inches, nor shall any rubbish, brush or any unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter accumulate or grow on the property.
  - (2) *Undeveloped property—Type A*: Tracts of land with no structures that are one acre or less.  
No weeds, grass, etc., shall grow to an excess of 12 inches, nor shall any rubbish, brush or any unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter accumulate or grow on the property.
  - (3) *Undeveloped property—Type B*: Acreage or platted lots larger than one acre without structures.  
The property shall be mowed 50 feet in from any surface improvement or property line, if there is no surface improvement, when the grass and weeds reach a height of 12 inches. All unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter shall be removed.
  - (4) *Undeveloped property—Type C*: Acreage or platted lots larger than one acre where structures adjoin or there is a structure on the property.  
The property shall be mowed a minimum of 50 feet from all structures and 50 feet from any surface improvement or property line, if there is no surface improvement, when the grass and weeds reach a height of 12 inches. All unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter shall be removed.

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