

INSECTION 30-49. DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this article, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Owners: Persons holding title to any land or lot in the City; lessees, tenants and principal occupants of any land or lot in the City or agents of persons holding title to such lands or lots, and agents of persons having care, custody, control or management of the land or lot; and fiduciaries holding title to or having the care, custody, control or management of land or lots in the City for others.

Weeds: Wild or uncontrolled growth or vegetation of every kind standing on land, other than trees, ornamental shrubbery, flowers and garden vegetables. (Code 1959, §1-5) (Ord. No. 049-95, 10-17-95)

SECTION 30-50. DUTY OF PROPERTY OWNERS TO CUT.

Owners of property within the City shall not allow grass, weeds and other foreign growth thereon to exceed ten (10) inches in height. All grass, weeds and foreign growth on a one hundred (100) feet by one hundred (100) feet or smaller must be cut. In case of a larger lot or acreage, all grass, weeds and foreign growth thereon must be cut a distance of one hundred (100) feet from all adjoining property lines. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. (Code 1959, §11-5; Ord. No. 022-94, 07-12-94)

SECTION 30-51. NOTICE TO CUT.

Where grass, weeds or other foreign growth in excess of ten (10) inches in height are found upon property, the code enforcement officer, as defined in section 11-2 shall immediately notify the owner of such property to cut such grass, weeds, or other foreign growth down to a height not to exceed three (3) inches. Notifications shall be made by the same procedure as set forth in Section 11-37 of this Code. (Code 1959, §11-5; Ord. No. 048-88, 11-15-88; Ord. No. 029-91; 6-11-91; Ord. No. 022-94, 07-12-94; Ord. No. 028-97, 10-14-97)

SECTION 30-52. CUTTING BY THE CITY.

- (a) If grass, weeds, or other foreign growth have not been cut within ten (10) days from the date the notice provided for in Section 30-51 is sent, the code enforcement officer, as defined in section 11-2 shall cause the cutting by the City's forces or the City's agent of such grass, weeds or other foreign growth forthwith.
- (b) Where grass, weeds or other foreign growth have been cut by order of the code enforcement officer pursuant to the provisions of this section, the cost of such cutting shall be billed to the owner of the property. If such bill is not paid, it shall be added to the City real estate tax bill on such property and shall be a lien on such property to the same extent and effect as such real estate tax is. (Code 1959, §11-5; Ord. No. 048-88, 11-15-88; Ord. No. 029-91, 6-11-91; Ord. No. 022-94, 07-12-94; Ord. No. 028-97, 10-14-97)

State Law References--Authority of city to require cutting or removal of weeds and other foreign growth, Code of Virginia, §§15.1-11, 15.1-867, §15.1-901(penalty).