

TITLE VII SPECIAL ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 9 MOWING

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7-9-1 DUTIES OF OWNERS TO CONTROL VEGETATION

It is unlawful for the owners, of each lot and parcel of ground within the corporate limits to fail, refuse or neglect to cut or destroy all weeds, vines, brush, or other growth and debris which constitute a health, safety or fire hazard on said lots, parcels of ground or on fronting or abutting streets and alleys.

7-9-2 CRITERIA

It shall be presumed that a health, fire or safety hazard exists when weeds or other vegetation growth on any portion of a lot or parcel are in excess of eight inches in length.

7-9-3 MOWING OF PROPERTIES

Any property within the City of Hedrick, Iowa whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than eight inches or more by April 15, May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, September 15, October 15 of each year.

7-9-4 PENALTY

Any property, which is not mowed after the vegetation reaches a height of eight inches or more by the above dates, may be mowed by the City of their agents, and a minimum charge of \$75.00 plus an additional charge of \$75.00 per hour after the first hour for each such mowing, plus a surcharge of \$100.00, will be charged to the property owner. Any property owners who fail to mow their properties, thus allowing the same to be mowed by the City or their agents, and who do not provide payment for the mowing as required, will be assessed by the City for such costs, which will be collected in the same manner as general property taxes. This fee schedule shall be reviewed annual to ensure that all costs are being recovered. If adjustments are required, the City Council may establish a new fee schedule by resolution.

7-9-5 METHOD OF SERVICES AND BILLING

Annual publication of this ordinance prior to April 15th of each year in a newspaper of general circulation in Hedrick, Iowa will serve as notice to property owners. Any billings for mowing done by the City or their agents are due to be sent by regular mail and are payable within 30 days of billing date. If not paid within said thirty-day period there will be an additional administrative fee of \$45.00 for each charge.

7-9-6 EXCEPTION

The following properties are excepted from this ordinance: (a) agricultural crops to supply people or animals with food, feed or fiber which crops are timely harvested and (b) vegetable and/or flower gardens purposefully planted and maintained.