

Chapter 56 VEGETATION

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State Law reference— Public parks and places of recreation, Wis. Stats. § 27.01 et seq.; city forester duties and tree planting, Wis. Stats. § 27.09; nuisance weeds, Wis. Stats. § 23.235; duty to control noxious weeds, Wis. Stats. § 66.0407.

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Sec. 56-19. Excessive weed growth prohibited.

It shall be the duty of every owner, possessor or occupier of any lot or other parcel of land in the town or any person having charge of any such lands, to at all times, cut and mow the grass and weeds before the grass and weeds grow to a height of more than eight inches. These provisions do not apply to grass grown for agricultural purposes or land in a designated floodplain area, wetland or used for nonresidential purposes.

(Ord. No. 25, § 1, 10-3-1990; Ord. of 10-6-1999, § 1)

Sec. 56-20. Weed growth constituting public nuisance.

The growth of grass and weeds with a height of eight inches is hereby declared a public nuisance that adversely affects the health and safety of the public, and has an adverse impact upon the values of other properties within the town.

(Ord. No. 25, § 2, 10-3-1990; Ord. of 10-6-1999, § 2)

Sec. 56-21. Notice of violation and order to abate.

If the owner, possessor, or occupier of land, or the person in charge thereof, refuses or neglects to comply with the provisions of this article within the time limited herein, the town shall serve personally or by mail a copy of this article, together with a notice to said owner, possessor or occupier of land, to cut or cause to be cut grass and weeds, within the period of five days from and after the service of such notice.

(Ord. No. 25, § 3, 10-3-1990; Ord. of 10-6-1999, § 3)

Sec. 56-22. Abatement by town; costs.

In case such owner, possessor, or occupier shall fail to conform with the provisions of this article within the time limited therefor in the notice served as set forth above, it shall be the duty of the town to cause the grass and weeds to be cut down, in order to comply with this article, and charge the cost thereof to each piece of land describing the same, and upon non-payment of such charges, the charges and amounts due will be filed with the town clerk, under the amount chargeable on each tract of land on the next tax roll as tax on the lands upon which the grass and weeds were cut, it shall be collected as other taxes. The town shall charge the rates provided in the town fee schedule for cutting down the weeds and grass under this section.

(Ord. No. 25, § 3, 10-3-1990; Ord. of 10-6-1999, § 3)

Sec. 56-23. Court order directing compliance.

In addition to all of the penalties provided for in this article, the town may institute proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, to obtain an order requiring the owner, possessor or occupier of land to comply with the provisions of this article.

(Ord. No. 25, § 4, 10-3-1990; Ord. of 10-6-1999, § 4)