



Elgin City Council Meeting Agenda Item Executive Summary

ITEM: Review and discussion of property owner responsibilities relating to Weeds, Wild Growth, and Unsanitary Conditions and direction to staff regarding city policy for mowing/maintenance of public right-of-way areas

DEPARTMENT: City Manager/Public Works/Code Enforcement

PROPOSED ACTION:

Direction to staff as it relates to city policies and procedures for enforcement of code provisions as it relates to maintenance (and in particular grass mowing) of rights-of-way adjacent to private property.

BACKGROUND:

Discussed at previous meetings; This item follows a recent staff presentation (and Council discussion) of current procedures regarding the enforcement of City Code Article II – Weeds, Wild Growth, and Unsanitary Conditions; and, in particular grass mowing city-owned rights-of-way adjacent to private property

In the past, the city has been liberal and “generous” in its interpretation of the code as it relates to violators; which has resulted in an enforcement effort that is not cost-effective and has appeared at times to be inconsistent. As we enter a new mowing season, however, it is the staff’s goal to be more aggressive and consistent in its enforcement practices; and to do so in a way that is more cost-effective for city operations.

Through this effort, the staff identified numerous areas wherein city forces are mowing/maintaining right-of-way areas that, under city code, are the responsibility of the adjacent private property owners.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Funding for this item was { } included { } not included in the current-year budget {X} N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Direction to staff as it relates to grass mowing of public rights-of-way adjacent to private property and related code enforcement matters as described herein.

ATTACHMENTS:

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- { } Staff will be making a detailed presentation on this agenda item at the meeting.
- {X} Staff will provide brief comments and answer questions on this item at the meeting.
- { } This is a routine procedural item and no presentation is planned for the meeting.

Councilmembers who have any detailed questions or would like to request additional information regarding this item are encouraged to contact the City Manager at their earliest convenience.