



Noxious Weeds

Every property owner in the City of Springfield is responsible for keeping his or her grass and weeds under (6) inches in length.

What Does The Law Say?

The law governing weed control can be found in the Springfield Code of Ordinance, Sections 18-61 thru 18-69.

Sec. 18-62 states: It shall be the duty of the owner, lessee, tenant, or occupant of any lot or land whether occupied or unoccupied, including the area between said lot or land and the traveled portion of any alley, street, or road which adjoins said lot or land on which noxious weeds are found growing to destroy such weeds before they reach a seed-bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from perpetuating themselves.

How Does the City Enforce It?

The law requires the City to notify a property owner that a violation has occurred. The notification must be sent 5 days in advance of cutting down noxious weeds or grass. Should the property owner not comply after the 5 day period, the City will correct the problem. The cost of mowing will then be billed to the property owner at a fee of \$150.00 an hour, with a minimum of one hour. In addition to the cost of removal or cutting of weeds or grasses, an administrative fee of \$75.00 per cutting shall be charged to and paid by the property owner.