

Chapter 444, PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS

Part 8, Miscellaneous

ARTICLE XXVI, Noxious Weeds or Bushes

§ 444-150. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

BUSHES -

The scrubby growth of wild and uncultivated shrubs but the term is not intended to include private hedges or other hedges that are kept properly trimmed so as not to interfere with the use by pedestrians of the sidewalks.

WEEDS

All rank vegetable growth which exhale unpleasant and noxious odors, and also high and rank vegetable growth that may conceal filthy deposits, and all unsightly or troublesome herbs or plants that are useless or comparatively so.

§ 444-151. Nuisance declared.

[Amended 1-8-1975 by Ord. No. 2281]

No person owning, holding or in possession of any real estate shall allow or maintain on any lot or tract of land or upon or along any of the sidewalks or gutters fronting upon such premises, any growth of weeds to a height of over one foot, and no person shall allow or permit the growth of poison ivy or bushes. Such growth of weeds, poison ivy or bushes is hereby declared to be a nuisance, injurious to the health, cleanliness, comfort and safety of the residents of the City.

§ 444-152. Notice not required.

[Amended 1-8-1975 by Ord. No. 2281]

A notice of the existence of weeds, poison ivy or bushes, directing their cutting and destroying, published in the daily press, shall be deemed sufficient notice to all persons for the general cutting and destroying of such plant growth that shall be deemed a nuisance. The City does not obligate itself to publish such notice.

§ 444-153. Owner to cut and maintain.

[Amended 1-8-1975 by Ord. No. 2281]

It shall be the duty of all such persons as are specified in this article, immediately upon notice from proper authorities of the City, to have such weeds, grasses, bushes or poison ivy, which are herein

declared to be a nuisance, cut and removed and destroyed at all times from the premises on which they are growing.

§ 444-154. Public Officer may perform work.

[Amended 1-8-1975 by Ord. No. 2281]

Upon the failure or refusal of any person to cut and destroy weeds, poison ivy or bushes, within five days after notice, the Public Officer may cause such weeds, poison ivy or bushes to be cut and destroyed at the expense of the owner, agent or tenant of the property. Any person refusing or neglecting to pay such expense as charged shall be deemed as violating the provisions of this article.