
TO: Thomas R. Kneeland, Mayor
Members of Council
City Attorney

FROM: Jeff Barr, Director, Department of Parks & Recreation

DATE: May 9, 2019

RE: Parks & Recreation - Report to Council for May 13, 2019

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM #1 – 945 Code Changes

We are requesting an Ordinance to amend 945.01 and 945.03.

CHAPTER 945 - Weeds and Grass

945.01 - DEFINITIONS.

As used in this chapter:

- (a) *Grass* means any of a large family (gramineae) of monocotyledonous, mostly herbaceous plants with hollow, jointed stems, slender sheathing leaves, and flowers borne in spikelets of bracts.
- (b) *Noxious* – **WEEDS ARE DESIGNATED** ~~designation can be given to weeds~~ **NOXIOUS** for several reasons including: toxicity to humans or animals, invasiveness, negative impact to abutting properties or natural areas, potential to cause economical loss, or threat to public health and safety.
- (c) *Noxious weed* means any type or species that have been included on the official list of noxious plants for the State of Ohio under Ohio Revised Code (901:5-37).
- (d) *Weed* means a plant that is considered undesirable, unattractive or troublesome. A plant ~~that is~~ not grown in an ornamental bed, **AND** is not valued where it is growing and tends to overgrow more desirable plants.

(Ord. 0156-2003. Passed 8-4-03; [Ord. No. 0087-2017, § 1\(Exh. A\), 11-20-17](#))

945.06 - NOXIOUS WEEDS OR GRASS.

Every person owning, leasing, renting, having charge of or being in possession of land within this City shall keep such property, and adjacent right-of-way between such property, and the curb, or edge of pavement where there is no curb, free and clear from all noxious weeds **AS DEFINED IN ORC OHIO REVISED CODE (901:5-37-01)** such as ~~Bamboo, Burdock, Giant Hogweed, Japanese Knotweed, Jimson Weed, Ragweed, Milkweed, Mullein, Poison Ivy,~~ and other vegetation of profuse and unmanageable growth. Noxious weeds and grass grown on such property and adjacent right-of-way shall be maintained in such a manner so as not to exceed eight inches in height **WHEN PRESENT OUTSIDE ORNAMENTAL BEDS.**

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