



Control of Weeds and Grasses Ordinance

3.06.12 – Control of Weeds and Grasses

In 2014, in an effort to reduce overall costs, the City of Rhinelander altered the process pertaining to enforcement of the weed ordinance. **Properties no longer receive a warning letter to comply.** Properties will be observed by a city employee, a “before” photo will be taken, the property will be mowed, and an “after” photo will be taken. This process is similar to the sidewalk snow removal ordinance that has proven to be very effective in both time and cost savings. The ordinance can be viewed below:

3.06.12. – Control of weeds and grasses.

(1) *Mowing required.* No person owning property within the City shall permit to grow or pollinate upon his premises any weeds or grasses which cause or produce hay fever in human beings, exhale unpleasant or noxious odors or conceal filthy deposits. To prevent such growth and pollination, every property owner shall mow or cause to be mowed upon his premises all grasses or weeds exceeding one foot in height.

(2) *Mowing by City.* The Weed Commissioner shall enforce this Section. If any person shall fail to comply herewith, the Commissioner shall cause the premises to be mowed and report the cost thereof in writing to the City Clerk in the manner provided in Wis. Stats. § 66.0517. Such charge shall be spread on the tax roll as a special tax to be collected in the same manner as other taxes, unless such lands are exempt from taxation. If exempt from taxation, then the charge shall be collected as any other claim by the City. A fee established by the City shall be charged for each mowing by the City under this Section. (Minimum fee of \$200.00)

(Code 1993, § 12.12; Ord. No. 16-14, 8-11-2014)

