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## Guidelines for Residents



Planning and Development Services Department

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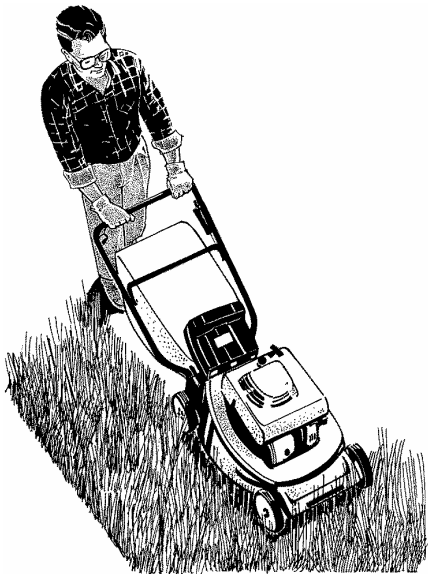
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In order to keep Overland Park an attractive place to live and work, the city has adopted minimum requirements for mowing or trimming grass and other vegetation on private property.

## How tall can your grass or weeds be before it is a violation?

A violation exists when the weeds or grass are more than 8 inches in height (or more than 8 inches in length if matted down). A violation also exists if there is any vegetation that is poisonous to the touch, such as poison ivy, poison oak or poison sumac. Other vegetation such as vines, saplings or shrubs may also be a violation if it exceeds the 8-inch height regulation and is clearly uncultivated.



## Who is responsible for correcting the violation?

The violation should be corrected by the person responsible for the maintenance of the property. In most cases this is the property owner, but it may be the tenant or owner representative.

## What area must be mowed?

In addition to the yard or lawn area, you must mow any area between your property and the paved area of all adjacent streets, including ditches, easements, alleys and unpaved right-of-way. Storm drainage swales, ditches or easements are also the maintenance responsibility of adjacent property owners.

## How much time is allowed to correct a violation?

The violation must be corrected in five calendar days if the property owner resides within the state or 10 days if he or she resides outside the state, starting from the date on the Notice of Abatement. If legal publication of the notice is necessary, you have 10 days from the date of publication.

## What is the penalty if I fail to correct the violation?

If the owner does not correct the violation after proper notification, the city will issue a work order to mow the property. The owner is responsible for the contractor's hourly rate **PLUS** a \$100 administrative fee. Properties that are cut after notification to the contractor are also

subject to the \$100 administrative fee and a contractor's trip charge of \$35. The property owner may also receive a notice to appear in court.



If you have questions or would like a copy of any of the following brochures, please contact Community Planning & Services Division at 913/895-6270.

## Failed Inspection Fee

Failure to correct a violation(s) on your property within the time frame required by the Code Compliance Officer will initiate a failed inspection fee of \$140.00 to the owner of record.

The owner of record will be charged an additional \$140.00 for each failed inspection that is noted, until the violation(s) are corrected.

A Notice of Cost for the failed inspection fees will be sent to the owner of record once all violations are corrected and the case has been closed.