

SECTION 420 WEEDS

420.01 DEFINITION OF WEEDS.

The word "weeds" as used in this section shall be construed to mean and include all noxious weeds as defined by the Statutes of the State of Minnesota and all such useless and troublesome plants as are commonly known as weeds to the general public.

420.03 NUISANCE.

All weeds growing upon any lot in the platted portion of the City of Wabasha to the greater height of one foot, or which have gone or about to go seed, are hereby declared to be a nuisance and dangerous to the health, safety and good order of the City.

420.05 NOTICE.

When the owner and/or occupant permit a nuisance to exist in violation of Subsection 420.03, the Weed Inspector, or his/her assistants, shall serve notice on the owner, occupant, or agent of the owner of such lot or parcel of land ordering such person to have such weeds cut and removed or otherwise eradicated or removed within ten days after the service of such notice; such notice shall also state that in event of non-compliance, removal will be done by the City of Wabasha at the owner's expense. When no owner, occupant or agent of the owner can be found, notice shall be sent by Registered Mail to the person who is listed on the records of the County Auditor or County Treasurer as the owner; service will be complete with mailing.

420.07 ASSESSMENT.

If such person fails to comply with the notice within ten days after service, or if no owner, occupant or agent can be found, the Weed Inspector, or his/her assistants, shall have such weeds cut and removed or otherwise eradicated. A record showing the cost of such work attributed to each separate lot or parcel shall be delivered to the City Clerk. On or before the first day of October of each year, the amount so charged against said lot or parcel of land, together with a description of the premises and the name of the supposed owner shall be certified to the County Auditor and shall be collected in the same manner as taxes and/or special assessments against said premises. The charge shall be a perpetual lien on the premises until paid.

420.09 PENALTY.

It is a petty misdemeanor for any person to fail or neglect to cut and remove or otherwise eradicate weeds as directed in this Section, or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of any notice provided herein or to violate the provisions of this Section or to resist or obstruct the Weed Inspector or his/her employees in the cutting, removal or eradication of weeds.