



## **Community Planning & Development**

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### **Media Release**

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#### ***City of Kalamazoo enforcement of tall grass & weed nuisance underway***

**May 26, 2016, Kalamazoo, Michigan** - The grass is growing! The Community Planning and Development Department (CPD) has started enforcement of the tall grass and weed ordinance. City ordinance requires all property owners to keep grass maintained below 12 inches and requires the eradication of noxious weeds of any height (such as poison ivy, poison oak, ragweed, etc.). This includes the public curb lawn area in front of all properties. As established in 2013, the City Commission approved a cost recovery fee (currently \$77) for each weed notice. The notice gives the property owner 10 days to correct the ordinance violation by mowing the grass and/or eradicating the weeds. If not mowed by the 10 day deadline, the city will authorize a contractor to abate the violation by mowing the property, and the cost of the mowing, along with an additional administrative charge, will be billed to the property owner.

All property owners are urged to monitor their own property. It is much more cost effective for property owners to monitor and maintain their own property, rather than waiting for the city to send a notice and/or send the city's mowing contractor. Each time the grass is over 12 inches it is considered a new violation.

Alert citizens can assist CPD by reporting tall grass and weed violations to the 24 hour Weeds & Grass Hotline by calling 337-8847.

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