

WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

The annual weed abatement program of the City of Roseburg is in effect from June 1 through September 30. In addition to the fire department, the compliance officer also has the authority to enforce weed complaints throughout the year.

Any property owner, renter, or lessor who has control of property within the city limits of Roseburg, will need to remove any combustible growth that is taller than 12 inches. Piles of cut combustible material that will create a fire hazard must also be removed.

The weed abatement program is conducted in accordance with Roseburg Municipal Code Section 7.04.140, Obnoxious vegetation and Municipal Code Section 7.06.110, Abatement of obnoxious vegetation as a fire hazard. Both code references are listed below.

7.04.140 Obnoxious vegetation.

No person responsible shall cause or allow any obnoxious vegetation on public or private property except in or on delineated wetlands and riparian areas of rivers and creeks or where strict compliance with the requirements of this Section would be impractical as they apply to a type of obnoxious vegetation, the height of weeds, grass or tree branches or to a part of a parcel of property. The City Manager shall determine when said requirements are impractical. (Ord. 2945 § 1 (part), 1996)

7.06.110 Abatement of obnoxious vegetation as a fire hazard.

A. Between April 15 and June 1 of each year, the Fire Chief shall cause notice to be published three times in a newspaper of general circulation advising that any obnoxious vegetation found to exist between June 1 and September 30 shall be considered a fire hazard, and further advising all persons responsible of their duty to keep their property free of obnoxious vegetation. The Fire Chief's notice shall be provided rather than the notice provided in Section 7.06.020.

B. The notice to be published as required by the above Subsection A shall describe obnoxious vegetation as defined in Chapter 7.04, shall state the City may abate such nuisance on each parcel of property ten or more days after the final publication of the notice and charge the cost of doing so plus administrative expenses and penalties as provided in this Chapter to the person responsible for the property.

C. In addition to the published notice required in the above Subsection A, the Fire Chief may send by first class mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the published notice to any person responsible for property as shown on the Douglas County tax rolls, or upon record of the City, when such property has historically contained, or has been observed to contain, obnoxious vegetation between June 1 and September 30. The failure to receive the mailed notice shall not relieve any person responsible from the obligation to abate obnoxious vegetation or to pay the cost of abatement performed by the City. (Ord. 3290 § 1, 2008: Ord. 3119 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2946 § 1 (part), 1996)