

BY: Councilmember Luke
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 SECOND READING: June 19, 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 510.030 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 302.4 WEEDS OF THE BRIDGETON CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the City of Bridgeton wishes to regulate and govern the maintenance of deteriorating landscaping of all property within its jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 302.4 of the Bridgeton Code of Ordinances is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows: Section 302.4 Weeds, Grass, Landscaping

Premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds in excess of 10” from ground level. Noxious weeds and vegetative growth shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Any property or structure with excessive vegetative growth or deteriorating landscaping, whether due to lack of maintenance, upkeep, vandalism, weather effects, or other reasons and which becomes overgrown, unsightly, unsafe or is otherwise in violation of the Bridgeton Code of Ordinances is subject to the abatement procedures as described below.


Whenever weeds, grass, landscaping, or excessive vegetative growth are allowed to grow on any part of any lot or ground or structure within the City in violation of the provisions of this Section or other sections of the Bridgeton Municipal Code, the owner of the ground shall be liable. The Director of Public Works or his designee may, after giving the owner thereof five (5) days' notice by posting such notice on the premises, declare the weeds, grass, landscaping, and/or excessive vegetative growth to be a nuisance and order the same to be abated within five (5) days; and in case the weeds, grass, landscaping and/or excessive vegetative growth are not cut down or otherwise appropriately remedied and removed within the five (5) days, the Director of Public Works or his designee shall have the weeds, grass, landscaping, and/or excessive vegetative growth cut and removed or otherwise appropriately and reasonably remedied and shall certify the costs to the City Clerk, who shall cause a special tax bill thereof against the property to be prepared and to be collected by the Finance Officer; and the tax bill from the date of its issuance shall be a first (1st) lien on the property until paid and shall be prima facie evidence of the recitals therein and of its validity, and no mere clerical error or informality in the same, or in the

proceedings leading up to the issuance, shall be a defense thereof. Such tax bills shall bear interest at the legal rate of interest.

SECTION 2. That this law and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately after the date of its final passage and adoption.


PASSED THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2024

APPROVED THIS 19th DAY OF JUNE, 2024



Randal B. Hein, Mayor

ATTEST:



Yolanda Elkins,
Executive Assistant (Acting City Clerk)