

UNKEMPT VEGETATION

CHAPTER 14: NUISANCES ARTICLE IV. WEEDS

Sec. 14-117.1. Vegetation to be maintained.

An owner, occupant, or person in control of any private premises commits an offense if the person:

(a) Fails to maintain the landscaping and any vegetation, including, but not limited to trees, grass, shrubbery, bushes, and vines on the premises, in a neat and orderly manner, and healthy condition;

(b) Allows the landscaping and any vegetation, including but not limited to trees, shrubbery, bushes and vines to grow on the premises so as to physically obstruct the doors or windows of any structure on the premises so as to prevent ingress or egress from the structure(s) or to project across or obstruct any sidewalk, driveway, alley or street, or to visually obscure more than 25 percent of the front door or porch of the structure when viewed from the street directly in front of said door or porch;

(c) Fails to mow, edge, prune, fertilize, water, weed and conduct other such activities common to the maintenance of landscaping in a neat, orderly manner and healthy condition;

(d) Fails to keep landscaped areas free of trash, litter, weeds and other such material or plants not a part of the landscaping;

(e) Fails to maintain plant materials in a healthy and growing condition as is appropriate for the season of the year;

(f) Fails to replace or remove plant materials which die;

(g) Allows landscaping and any vegetation, including but not limited to trees, shrubbery and bushes, to invade or obstruct soffits, eaves, fascia, vent screening or any other portion, addition, or sections of a roof; or

(h) Fails to remove a tree stump that is visible from public view and is higher than the natural grade elevation of the area in which said stump is located.

For purposes of this section the phrase “neat and orderly manner and healthy condition” or “healthy and growing condition” means adequately pruned, trimmed, watered and cultivated appropriate to the species, maintained free of disease and parasites as determined by the plant shape, color and condition of foliage, and soil characteristics, and the size of plants is appropriate relative to the landscaped areas or building façade.”

(Ord. No. 3381-A, § 1, 3-11-02; Ord. No. 3769, § 1, 3-22-10)