

# Ordinance No. 00045

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AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, creating and establishing a new Chapter 8.52 of the Lakewood Municipal Code relating to vegetation

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood will become responsible for regulations affecting health and general welfare of the community upon its incorporation; and,

WHEREAS, uncontrolled weeds and other vegetation can affect the health and welfare of the community by posing an unsightly distraction to the aesthetics and beauty of the City of Lakewood, as well as by constituting fire and traffic hazards; and,

WHEREAS, because of these aesthetic and safety concerns caused by uncontrolled weeds or vegetation, it is appropriate for vegetation control regulations to be adopted as a part of the Lakewood Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN as Follows:

Section 1. That a new Chapter 8.52 of the Lakewood Municipal Code is hereby adopted as follows:

Chapter 8.52

Vegetation

Sections

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It is unlawful for any person to permit or allow weeds or vegetation to become uncontrolled on any property within the City over which he or she has ownership, occupancy or control. AUncontrolled weeds or vegetation@ shall be defined as follows:

1. Any undesired, uncultivated and unsightly plants growing in profusion so as to crowd out desired plant growth or disfigure a lawn; or
2. Any vegetation growth, including but not limited to weed, grasses, bushes, hedges and trees or tree branches, which obstructs the vision of people in vehicles or on sidewalks or right-of-ways so as to interfere with the safe, full and free use of any street, sidewalk or right-of-way within the City; or
3. Any vegetation growth that creates a fire or other safety hazard.

Violation of this Section shall be punishable by a civil fine in the amount of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) per violation, providing that each day of violation shall constitute a separate violation. In addition to the civil fine(s), violations of this Section may be abated by the City in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 32.

Section 2. Severability.

If any portion of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section 3. Effective Date.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary and on February 28, 1996.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 31st day of January, 1996.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

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Attest: Bill Harrison, Mayor

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Alice M. Bush, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

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Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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