

Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA DATE: September 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Second Reading Ordinance 2020-182

PRESENTED BY: Town Manager, Town Attorney

*This ordinance was introduced to Council at the August 17, 2020 Council meeting. The proposed Ordinance arises from a request by the Johnstown Police Department to revise the nuisance provisions in the Johnstown Municipal Code to set forth more streamlined procedures.

- Removes Town Council from the process, except for consideration of an appeal of an assessment;
- Allows an "Authorized Inspector," defined as the Town Manager, a police officer, code enforcement officer, or other Town personnel authorized by the Town Manager, to declare and require abatement of nuisances;
- Sets forth simplified and explicit procedures for service of a notice to abate a nuisance along with a general timeline for abatement;
- Creates an appeal process whereby a person challenging a notice to abate may file an appeal with the Town Manager and then, if the Town Manager's decision is disputed, with the Municipal Court:
- Allows the Town to abate nuisances that are not abated by the property owner and recover the cost of the abatement as well as an administrative fee;
- Provides for the imposition of a lien to collect unrecovered assessments;
- Allows the Town to cite a person into Municipal Court in addition to or in lieu of a requirement to abate the nuisance; and
- Designates the Town Council as the local advisory board pursuant to the Colorado Noxious Weed Act, §§ 35-5.5-101, et seq.

LEGAL ADVICE: This ordinance was drafted by the Town Attorney

FINANCIAL ADVICE:

N/A

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