

# Weeds & Grass Policies



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# Height Requirement

- “No person shall permit or maintain any growth of weeds, grasses, or lawns over 8 inches in height for any developed property or 12 inches in height for undeveloped property, measured from the ground surface”
- Do you agree with this general height requirement?

Raymore	8 in./12 in.
Harrisonville	12 in.
Lee's Summit	10 in.
Blue Springs	8 in.
Peculiar	10 in.

# Exemptions from Height Requirements

- Property zoned agricultural
- Areas designated by the city as greenways
- Cultivated flowers, gardens or native landscapes in accordance with Sec. 59-185
- Erosion control areas - with the written approval of the city floodplain administrator
- Governmental or education programs - with the written approval of the city
- Parks and open space
- Wooded areas
- Wetlands
- Streams or natural drainageways

Raymore	Same exemptions listed
Harrisonville	No exemptions listed
Lee's Summit	Agricultural land, undeveloped tracts if not intersected by any public roadway and greater than 10 acres
Blue Springs	No exemptions listed
Peculiar	No exemptions listed

# Exemptions from Height Requirements Needing Clarification

- Undeveloped property that is at least 150 feet from any adjacent street or adjacent platted subdivision
- Property mowed for hay. The property owner shall cut or bale hay prior to the first day of July and again prior to the first day of November each year
- Property cultivated with a farm crop
- How can we better clarify these items?

# Easement/Right-of-Way

- Whenever private property abuts a public right-of-way or easement, the property owner must maintain the area within the abutting right-of-way or easement.
- Exception:
  - Owners of properties abutting public right-of-way or easement along rural sections of arterial or collector roadways shall not be responsible
  - No definition for “rural”
- How can we better clarify our expectations here?

Raymore	Same exception listed
Harrisonville	Not required if slopes greater than 3:1 (18 degrees)
Lee’s Summit	No exceptions listed
Blue Springs	No exceptions listed
Peculiar	Code official may waive requirement if physical attributes of property in ROW cannot be mowed or trimmed with typical home equipment