

**CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
RESOLUTION 2026-02**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A FORFEITURE SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
FEE FOR ABATEMENT OF WEEDS, GRASSES AND BRUSH**

WHEREAS, Chapter 321 of the Code of Ordinances requires the control of weeds, grasses, and brush on private property and authorizes enforcement by citation and abatement; and

WHEREAS, Sections 321.08 and 321.09 of the Code of Ordinances provide that forfeiture amounts and administrative fees shall be established by resolution of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that graduated forfeitures are a reasonable and effective means to encourage compliance, deter repeat violations, and account for increased enforcement and administrative resources associated with repeated noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council further finds that an administrative fee is necessary to recover the City's costs associated with inspection, documentation, staff time, equipment coordination, billing, and enforcement activities related to the abatement of weeds, grasses, and brush;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Richland County, as follows:

Section 1: Forfeiture Schedule

For violations of Chapter 321 occurring within the same calendar year, forfeitures shall be as follows:

- First Offense: \$25
- Second Offense: \$50
- Third and Subsequent Offenses: \$75

Each calendar year shall begin on January 1. All applicable statutory assessments, surcharges, and court costs shall be added as required by law.

Section 2. Administrative Fee

When the City performs abatement under Chapter 321, an administrative fee of \$75 per abatement occurrence is hereby established, in addition to actual labor, equipment, and material costs. The administrative fee is not a penalty and is assessed solely for cost recovery purposes.

Section 3. Collection

Unpaid abatement costs and administrative fees may be assessed as a special charge and placed on the property tax roll pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0627 and Ch. 74.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center on this 3rd day of February, 2026 by the following vote: AYES: _____, NOS: _____

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER
RICHLAND COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Attest:

Todd Coppernoll, Mayor

Misty Molzof, Deputy Clerk