

CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-42

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING PROBABLE BELIEF OF A VIOLATION OF SPRING LAKE PARK CITY CODE § 9.20.030 AND ISSUING A DESTRUCTION ORDER FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8280 TAYLOR STREET NE

WHEREAS, Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030 (the “Weed Ordinance”) requires property owners to remove, cut, dispose of, and eliminate weeds, grasses, rank vegetation, and other uncontrolled plant growth that, at the time of notice, exceeds eight inches in height, except for managed natural landscapes permitted under Minnesota Statutes § 412.925 and other plantings excluded by the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2026, the City received a complaint concerning tall grass, weeds, rank vegetation, and/or other uncontrolled plant growth at the property located at 8280 Taylor Street NE, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota (the “Property”), owned by Dominic Jones; and

WHEREAS, the complaint has been reduced to writing, signed, dated, and filed with the City Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer in accordance with Spring Lake Park City Code §9.20.030(D); and

WHEREAS, the City’s designated enforcement official inspected the Property and prepared the written inspection report attached as Exhibit A for consideration by the City Council, as required by Spring Lake Park City Code §9.20.030(E); and

WHEREAS, Code Enforcement staff has inspected the Property on multiple occasions since May 27, 2026, has provided correction notices and administrative citations in an effort to obtain voluntary compliance, and has documented continuing conditions at the Property; and

WHEREAS, based upon the written inspection report and the record before it, the City Council finds that weeds, grasses, rank vegetation, and/or other uncontrolled plant growth on the Property exceed eight inches in height and are not shown to constitute a managed natural landscape or another planting excluded from regulation under Spring Lake Park City Code §9.20.030; and

WHEREAS, the City Council therefore concludes that there is a probable belief that the Property is in violation of Spring Lake Park City Code §9.20.030 and that issuance of the destruction order required by the Weed Ordinance is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Spring Lake Park, Minnesota, as follows:

1. The City Council receives and accepts the written inspection report attached as Exhibit A and incorporates the report into the record supporting this Resolution.
2. The City Council concludes that there is a probable belief that Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030 has been violated at the Property because weeds, grasses, rank vegetation,

and/or other uncontrolled plant growth regulated by the Weed Ordinance exceed eight inches in height and have not been timely removed, cut, disposed of, or eliminated.

3. The City Council hereby issues the written Destruction Order attached as Exhibit B. The City Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer is directed to forward the Destruction Order, together with a copy of this Resolution, to the property owner or person occupying the Property as identified in City records. Service shall be in writing by certified mail, and the City shall retain evidence of the certified mailing.
4. The Destruction Order shall require the designated violation to be removed by the property owner or person occupying the Property within seven regular business days after receipt of the Destruction Order, as required by Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030(E).
5. The Destruction Order shall advise the property owner that the City Council's finding may be appealed by filing written notice of objections with the City Council within 48 hours of the notice, excluding weekends and holidays. All filings shall be made with the City Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer. A filing sent by certified mail is deemed filed on the date of posting to the United States Postal Service. The appeal shall be considered by the City Council and decided by a majority vote of the Councilmembers in attendance at a regular or special meeting, in accordance with Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030(F).
6. If the property owner fails to comply with the Destruction Order within seven regular business days and does not timely file notice of an appeal within the 48-hour appeal period, the City Council authorizes the use of City employees or outside contractors to remove the weeds, grasses, rank vegetation, and/or other regulated plant growth by all lawful means so that the Property conforms to Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030.
7. The property owner shall be liable for all costs of removal, cutting, or destruction incurred by the City and for collection costs associated with weed destruction, including court costs, attorney's fees, and interest on unpaid amounts, as provided by Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030(H). If municipal employees, equipment, supplies, or chemicals are used, the City shall assign the applicable rates. Amounts payable to the City may be collected as a special assessment pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 429.101 and applicable provisions of the City Code.
8. Nothing in this Resolution or the Destruction Order authorizes removal of shrubs, trees, cultivated plants, crops, meadow vegetation, rain gardens, ornamental plants, or a managed natural landscape that is exempt from or excluded by Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030, except to the extent a plant is otherwise defined by state law or administrative rule as noxious or detrimental.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by .

Upon Vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

And the following voted against the same:

Whereon the Mayor declared said Resolution duly passed and adopted the 8th day of September, 2026.

APPROVED BY:

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, City Administrator

EXHIBIT A

DESIGNATED CITY OFFICIAL'S INSPECTION REPORT

Property: 8280 Taylor Street NE, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

Property Owner: Dominic Jones

EXHIBIT B
DESTRUCTION ORDER
SPRING LAKE PARK CITY CODE § 9.20.030

TO: Dominic Jones, Property Owner, and/or the person occupying the Property as identified in City records

PROPERTY: 8280 Taylor Street NE, Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

DATE OF ORDER: September 8, 2026

METHOD OF SERVICE: Certified Mail

NOTICE AND ORDER

The Spring Lake Park City Council, by Resolution No. 2026-42 adopted September 8, 2026, has concluded that there is a probable belief that the above-described Property is in violation of Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030. Based upon the written inspection report considered by the City Council, weeds, grasses, rank vegetation, and/or other uncontrolled plant growth regulated by the Weed Ordinance exceed eight inches in height on the Property and are not shown to be exempt or excluded under the ordinance.

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to remove, cut, dispose of, or eliminate the designated weeds, grasses, rank vegetation, and/or other uncontrolled plant growth so that the Property complies with Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030. The required work must be completed within seven (7) regular business days after you receive this Destruction Order.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you contest the City Council's finding, you may appeal by filing written notice of objections with the City Council within 48 hours of this notice, excluding weekends and holidays. The written notice must be filed with the City Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer. If the filing is sent by certified mail, it is deemed filed on the date it is posted to the United States Postal Service. On appeal, it is the property owner's responsibility to demonstrate that the matter in question consists of shrubs, trees, cultivated plants, or crops, or is otherwise not in violation of Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030 and should not be subject to destruction. The City Council will decide the appeal by a majority vote of the Councilmembers in attendance at a regular or special meeting.

FAILURE TO COMPLY

If you fail to comply with this Destruction Order within seven (7) regular business days and do not timely file an appeal within the 48-hour appeal period, the City Council has authorized City employees or outside contractors to enter upon the Property as lawfully permitted and remove the regulated vegetation by all lawful means necessary to bring the Property into compliance.

COSTS

The property owner is liable for all costs of removal, cutting, or destruction of weeds as provided by Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030(H), together with collection costs associated with weed destruction, including court costs, attorney's fees, and interest on unpaid amounts incurred by the City. If City employees, equipment, supplies, or chemicals are used, applicable rates will be assigned. Unpaid amounts may be collected as a special assessment pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 429.101 and applicable City Code procedures.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK

Dated: September 8, 2026

Daniel R. Buchholtz
Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer