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MEMORANDUM

TO: Spring Lake Park Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jeff Baker, Code Enforcement Director
RE: Weeds, Grass and Rank Vegetation “Destruction Order”
DATE: August 26, 2026

BACKGROUND

On May 27, 2026, the City of Spring Lake Park received a complaint regarding tall grass, weeds, and/or rank vegetation at **8280 Taylor Street NE**, owned by **Dominic Jones**.

Since receiving the complaint, Code Enforcement staff has inspected the property on approximately a biweekly basis from May 27, 2026, through the present. During this time, the property has continued to remain in violation of the City's requirements for the maintenance of grass, weeds, and vegetation.

The City has issued correction notices and administrative citations to the property owner in an effort to obtain voluntary compliance. None of the correction notices or administrative citations mailed to the property owner have been returned to the City as undeliverable.

Despite the City's continued enforcement efforts, the property has not been brought into compliance. Administrative fees associated with the ongoing violations have also accumulated to a level where staff believes additional enforcement action is appropriate.

FINDINGS

City staff has documented the following:

- The initial complaint was received on May 27, 2026.
- Code Enforcement has conducted inspections approximately every two weeks since the initial complaint.
- The property has continued to remain in violation of the City's Weed Ordinance.
- Correction notices and administrative citations have been issued to the property owner.
- None of the mailed correction notices or administrative citations have been returned to the City as undeliverable.
- Administrative fees have continued to accumulate as a result of the ongoing violation.

- Previous enforcement efforts have not resulted in sustained compliance with the City Code.

Based upon the continued condition of the property and the enforcement history, staff believes further action is necessary to obtain compliance.

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to **Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030(E)**, staff requests that the City Council determine that there is probable belief that the property located at **8280 Taylor Street NE** is in violation of the City's Weed Ordinance and authorize the issuance of a **Destruction Order** to property owner Dominic Jones.

The Destruction Order will require the property owner or occupant to remove the identified violation within the timeframe established by City Code and will provide the property owner with the applicable appeal rights.

If the property owner fails to comply with the Destruction Order and does not timely appeal, staff requests authorization to proceed with abatement as permitted by City Code, including the use of City employees or a contractor to bring the property into compliance.

Any costs incurred by the City for the abatement, along with applicable administrative costs, will be charged to the property owner and may be assessed against the property as permitted by City Code and Minnesota law.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council find probable cause to believe that **8280 Taylor Street NE** is in violation of Spring Lake Park City Code § 9.20.030 and authorize staff to issue a **Destruction Order pursuant to § 9.20.030(E)**.

Staff further recommends authorization to proceed with abatement in accordance with the City Code if the property owner fails to comply with the Destruction Order within the required timeframe.

Jeff Baker
Code Enforcement Director

