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This is a reminder to the community of your responsibility to maintain your property to the standard of the city ordinances. With the upcoming summer weather, uncut grass can lead to fire hazards and rodent infestations. Please be mindful, the objective here is to educate and gain voluntary compliance.

For your ease, below are the ordinances we are referring to.

8.08.020. - Nuisances—Specifically that affect public health.

The following specific acts, omissions, places, conditions and things are declared to be nuisances: the erecting, maintaining, using, placing, depositing, causing, allowing, leaving, or permitting to be or remain in or upon any private lot, building, structure, or premises, or in or upon any street, avenue, alley, park, parkway, or other public or private place in the city, any one or more of the following places, conditions, things or acts to the prejudice, danger, or annoyance of others:

J. Any noxious or toxic weed or uncultivated plant, weeds or tall grass which may be a fire hazard or provides rodent harborage, or any tree that poses a potential hazard;

K. Grass clippings, cut brush, cut weeds, or compost piles that create fly or rodent harborage;

O. Keeping or permitting to be kept trees on or along any street or alley of which the limbs are less than eight feet above the surface of any sidewalk, or nine feet above the surface of any street; (Code 1988, § 8.08.020; Ord. No. 722, § 2, 2006; Ord. No. 830, § 1, 10-8-2013)

State Law reference— Public nuisances generally, RCW 9.66.010 et seq.

8.08.030. - Yard maintenance.

Every occupant of a dwelling unit located in close proximity to another occupied dwelling unit shall keep the yard space thereof reasonably neat and clean and free of uncut grass, blackberry vines, bushes and debris if a rodent infestation exists.

(Code 1988, § 8.08.030; Ord. No. 722, § 2, 2006)

8.08.040. - Vacant lot or building.

Every owner of a vacant lot or building located in close proximity to another occupied dwelling unit shall keep the premises reasonably neat and clean and free of uncut grass, blackberry vines, bushes and debris.

(Code 1988, § 8.08.040; Ord. No. 722, § 2, 2006)

If any member of the community has any questions, please contact me at 360-688-0169.

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