

MEMO

TO: Public Works Commission
FROM: Kristine Butteris, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry
DATE: December 6, 2023
RE: Public Works Commission Meeting, December 12, 2023

Review and take possible action: Weed Ordinance Appeal for Lawrence McLaren

BACKGROUND:

512 South Tenth Street

We received a weed complaint on July 19th about the 512 S 10th street property. The property was sent a notice on July 19th for weeds overgrowing the front and backyard areas. The property was eventually trimmed and mowed by the property owner. The property received another complaint on October 4th and the property was then mowed by the City on Oct 6th.

The property owners father then asked to have me explain why we mowed the property. I explained to him that the City had already sent him a notice earlier in the year and per the City Weed ordinance, once the City sends the letter the property owner is to maintain the property the rest of the year. I explained this ordinance to him a second time. Initially he was not happy with the City but clearly after I explained the ordinance to him he was clearly not happy with his son. After the second ordinance explanation, he then gave me his son's phone number, asked me to call him and to explain it to him. I then called the son and explained the ordinance to him. I also told him I had talked to his father about the ordinance, and his father told me to explain it to you. I told him his option is to bring it to the City council to see if any changes could be made. He didn't sound interested in doing that.

There was initially a little confusion about billing because the house next door, 906 Wisconsin Ave, also received the same timing weed ordinance notice and thought we billed the wrong address.

This property has been called in multiple times due to lack of the property owner maintaining the grass and backyard areas in the last 2 plus years by neighboring property owners.

Attachments:

Email correspondence
Weed Ordinance Letter