



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
STAFF REPORT**

Meeting Date: June 15, 2026		Subject: Public Safety Council Goal Update – Nuisance Code Revisions	
		Staff Member: Amanda Guile-Hinman, City Attorney	
		Department: Legal	
Action Required		Advisory Board/Commission Recommendation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 1 st Reading Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance 2 nd Reading Date: <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information or Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda		<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Denial <input type="checkbox"/> None Forwarded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable Comments: N/A	
Staff Recommendation: N/A			
Recommended Language for Motion: N/A			
Project / Issue Relates To:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council Goals/Priorities: 2025-27 Council Goal No. 2: Public Safety; Strategy 2.4		<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted Master Plan(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Consider proposed revisions to Wilsonville Code provisions regarding nuisances.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of its 2025-27 Council Goals, the City Council adopted Goal 2: Public Safety. The first outcome identified in Goal 2 is to “streamline response to code enforcement challenges.” To achieve this outcome, Strategy 2.3 calls for the City to “update nuisance code provisions, with particular review of noxious vegetation, property appearance, noise and other chronic nuisances.”

Establishing and formalizing a clear set of guidelines will provide City staff with a structured framework to evaluate potential nuisances within Wilsonville. These guidelines will help ensure that decisions are made consistently and in alignment with the intent of the Wilsonville Code, subject to City staff’s discretion. In turn, this promotes fairness, transparency, and accountability in how the Code is applied. Additionally, having well-defined standards will enable Code Compliance staff to more effectively communicate the reasoning behind their decisions, helping the public better understand the evaluation process and the basis for any enforcement actions.

CURRENT WILSONVILLE NUISANCE CODE:

Wilsonville Code provisions governing nuisances are codified in [Wilsonville Code Sections 6.200 through 6.260](#). Staff has met with Code Compliance to discuss what areas of the Wilsonville Code are most effective and what areas could be improved. Code Compliance staff generally found the nuisance-related sections of the Wilsonville Code are not in need of dramatic alteration and currently adequately address most of the Strategy 2.3 code enforcement concerns. The section most in need of updating was found to be Section 6.220 on Noxious Vegetation due to the lack of evaluative criteria or other guidance to assist staff in determining what constitutes noxious vegetation. Staff determined that updates regarding property appearance could be addressed through updating the noxious vegetation regulations. Staff also determined that existing [noise regulations](#) provide factors to determine noise nuisances, several categories of noise nuisances, and exemptions to noise nuisance regulations. In fact, staff modeled some of the proposed noxious vegetation updates after the guidance provided in the noise nuisance provisions.

Furthermore, considering the other remaining strategy within Council Goal 2 (updating code enforcement process provisions), staff recommends that the nuisance code provisions be updated consistent with updates related to the larger code enforcement process updates.

OTHER CITY CODE PROVISIONS:

Other jurisdictions have comparable nuisance codes which Wilsonville may use to update its own code language regarding noxious vegetation. Staff reviewed codes from Lake Oswego, Tualatin, Beaverton, West Linn, Sherwood, and Tigard. Specific jurisdictions which staff have identified as useful to update the City’s noxious vegetation regulation include Tualatin, Beaverton, and West Linn. Relevant sections of code from these three cities are included in **Attachment 1**.

PROPOSED CODE REVISIONS:

Staff propose certain revisions which address the particular areas of concern identified by Strategy 2.3. Because it was determined that the majority of Wilsonville’s nuisance code does not require alteration, the proposed updates concern noxious vegetation. The focus of the

revisions is to improve clarity, which will provide clearer standards on what constitutes a nuisance and requires abatement. The proposed code revisions also remove any language regarding abatement processes, which staff has also recently updated and will now exist in Wilsonville Code Chapter 1. The proposed revisions are included in **Attachment 2**.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

A clearer set of guidelines or factors that Code Compliance can apply to potential nuisance violations will ensure consistent and fair application of Wilsonville Code standards, while providing residents with clear standards to reference.

These updates are planned to be considered for adoption in tandem with Chapter 1 Code Revisions updating the structure and standards for code enforcement within Wilsonville. By updating these sections concurrently, City staff will be able to educate residents and apply these new guidelines with the updated enforcement procedures.

TIMELINE:

Following Council discussion of the draft language, Staff can provide an Ordinance for First Reading by Fall 2026, and following that Council may adopt for late 2026 alongside the Chapter 1 Code Enforcement updates, with a planned effective date of January 1, 2027.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET IMPACTS:

All work for this project has been handled by City staff and no budget impacts are anticipated.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

Staff has presented at multiple Council work sessions regarding strategies under Council Goal 2 to present information and draft proposals for Council and public review.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS OR BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY:

Council’s Public Safety Goal aims to ensure that City staff and community members have the tools necessary to address different public safety and livability concerns. A clearly defined nuisance code will help mitigate subjectivity in how the Code is applied, and will make it easier for the public to better comply with all regulations.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council may, after consideration of the proposed language, elect to not adopt any revisions and to maintain current nuisance code provisions. Alternatively, Council may also choose to adopt alternative language, or delegate to staff to provide more research on any other potential strategies.

CITY MANAGER COMMENT:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Nuisance Code – Jurisdictional Research Chart

2. Nuisance Code – Proposed Language Updates