

CITY RESOLUTION 2005 - 22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER APPOINTING
"WEED COMMISSIONERS" FOR 2005 UNDER WISCONSIN STATUTE 66.0407

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL as follows:

NOXIOUS WEEDS. All noxious weeds, as defined in §66.0407, Wis. Stats., and any other weed the governing body of the municipality declares to be noxious within the its respective boundaries. The City may cause all weeds and grass to be cut and removed and the cost thereof charged to the property owner under §66.0627, Wis. Stats

Section 1. **Destruction of Noxious Weeds.**

(a) The Weed Commissioner shall annually on or before May 15th, publish as required by state law, a notice that every person is required by law to destroy all noxious weeds on lands in the City which he or she owns, occupies or controls and;

(b) If the owner or occupant shall neglect to destroy any weeds as required by such notice, then the Weed Commissioner of the City shall give five (5) days' written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the weeds shall be growing to the effect that the said Weed Commissioner after the expiration of the five (5) day period may proceed to destroy or cause to be destroyed all such weeds growing upon said lands and that the cost thereof including the cost of billing and other necessary administrative expenses may be billed to the property owner and if the bill is not paid, the cost will be assessed as a tax upon the lands upon which such weeds are located under the provisions of Section 66.0407 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(c) As provided for in Sec. 66.0407, Wis. Stats., the City shall require that all noxious weeds shall be destroyed prior to the time in which such plants would mature the bloom or flower state. Noxious weeds, as defined in this Section are and shall include but not be limited to the following.

Cirsium Arvense (Canada Thistle)

Ambrosia artemisiifolia (Common Ragweed)

Ambrosia trifida (Great Ragweed)

Euphorbia esula (Leafy Spurge)

Convolvulus arvensis (Creeping Jenny) (Field Bindweed)

Nettle (Urtica dioica)

Wild Parsnip (Pastinaca Sativa)

Purple Loosetrife (Lythrum Salicaria)

Section 2. Lawn Grass Cutting.

(a) To reduce pests such as voles, mice, rats and mosquitoes, no lawn grass shall be more than eight inches (8") in height. Lawn grass is defined as a grass variety used to cover a lawn area but not to include ornamental patches or plots in water retention areas or gardens.

(b) Privately and City owned Parcels within the corporate City limits with a zoning of R- O to R – 5 and all parcels zoned C- 1, C – 2, I – 1 and I – 2 shall fall under this resolution.

(c) If the owner or occupant shall neglect to have the grass cut to a height of no more than eight (8) inches as required by such notice, then the Weed Commissioner of the City shall give five (5) days' written notice by mail to the owner or occupant of any lands upon which the grass shall be growing to the effect that the said Weed Commissioner after the expiration of the five (5) day period may proceed to have the grass cut upon said lands and that the cost thereof including the cost of billing and other necessary administrative expenses may be billed to the property owner and if the bill is not paid, the cost will be assessed as a tax upon the lands upon which such grass is located under the provisions of Section 66.0407 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 3. Exceptions:

(a) Exceptions to the Resolution may be granted by the Weed Commissioner for any land zoned Residential / Agriculture, any land declared floodway, water runoff areas, wet lands and special consideration areas of natural grass or woodland, relieving property owners of this resolution with regards to grasses and weeds controlled.

Section 4. Appointment of City Weed Commissioners

(a.) The City Council hereby appoints the following positions as “Weed Commissioners”:

Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Grounds Superintendent

Streets Superintendent

Building Inspector

Section 5. The City Administrator and/or City Clerk/Treasurer shall cause notice of this resolution to be published each year on or about May 15, 2005 as a legal notice in the Richland Observer and on the City Web Site: www.ci.richland-center.wi.us

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of July, 2005 by the City Council of Richland Center, Richland County, Wisconsin by the following vote: 7 - 0

CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

By: _____
Rita Kidd, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jude Elliott, City Clerk/Treasurer