
Sec. 23-16. Duty of owners, tenants, etc.

It shall be the duty and responsibility of every owner, tenant or person having control of all tracts of land in the city to keep the same free and clear of grass, weeds, sprouts, and brush of the height of eighteen (18) inches or more within one hundred (100) feet of any commercial or residential structure.

(Ord. No. 313, § I, 9-21-59; Ord. No. 314, § I, 3-21-60; Ord. No. 403, § 1, 9-7-71; Ord. No. 2011-109, art. I, 6-20-11)

Sec. 23-17. Failure to cut grass, weeds, etc., declared a nuisance.

The failure of any owner, tenant or person having control of a tract of land in the city to keep such tract free and clear of all grass, weeds, sprouts and brush of a height of eighteen (18) inches or more within one hundred (100) feet of any commercial or residential structure is hereby declared a nuisance, and subject to abatement as provided in section 23-18.

(Ord. No. 2011-109, art. I, 6-20-11)

Sec. 23-18. Procedure for abatement of nuisance.

- (a) Whenever grass, weeds, sprouts or brush, in violation of the provisions of this article are allowed to grow on any part of any lot or property to the height of eighteen (18) inches or more within one hundred (100) feet of any commercial or residential structure the owner of the property shall be required to abate the nuisance as provided in this section.
- (b) The city administrator shall give a hearing after ten (10) days notice thereof, either personally or by United States mail to the owner, or his agents, or by posting such notice on the premises; thereupon the city administrator may declare the weeds, sprouts or brush to be a nuisance and order the same to be abated within five (5) days. If the grass, weeds, sprouts or brush are not cut down and removed within the five (5) days the city administrator shall have the grass, weeds, sprouts, or brush cut down and removed and shall certify the costs of same to the city clerk, who shall cause a special tax bill therefore against the property to be prepared and to be collected by the city collector, with other taxes assessed against the property. Such tax bill, from the date of its issuance, shall be a first lien on the property until paid and shall be prima facie evidence of the recitals therein and of its validity and no mere clerical error or informality in the same, or in the proceedings leading up to the issuance shall be a defense thereto.
- (c) Each such special tax bill shall be issued by the city clerk and delivered to the city collector on or before the first day of June of each year. Such tax bills if not paid when due shall bear interest at the rate of eight (8) percent per annum.

(Ord. No. 313, § II, 9-21-59; Ord. No. 314, § II, 3-21-60; Ord. No. 403, § 2, 9-7-71; Ord. No. 2011-109, art. I, 6-20-11)

State law reference(s)—Similar provisions, RSMo 71.285.