



Fort Walton Beach Police Department

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Grass Height Nuisance, Code of Ordinances 5.04

This is an informational flyer on grass height nuisances and maintenance. Our mission is to educate and inform with the goal of obtaining voluntary compliance.

- Developed or Undeveloped properties shall cut down and remove all weeds, grass and undergrowth on said property when exceeding 10 inches in height for developed and 18 inches in height for undeveloped properties. Growth in the abutting right of way shall not exceed 10 inches in height for both developed and undeveloped properties. (COO 5.04.07 Duties for Developed, Undeveloped Property)
- On Pristine undeveloped or pristine portions of developed properties, the owner shall not be required to cut vegetation which is primarily native plant species. In the abutting right-of-way of the pristine lot, the weeds, grass and undergrowth shall not exceed 10 inches in height. (COO 05.04.08 Duties for Pristine Property)
- On Improved properties, grasses, weeds, and uncultivated vegetation shall not exceed 12 inches in height including the area between the edge of the pavement in the street and the lot line. (COO 5.07.01(s) Residential and Commercial Property Maintenance, Standards for Improved Property)
- On Vacant properties, grasses, weeds, and uncultivated vegetation shall not exceed 12 inches in height including the area between the edge of the pavement in the street and the lot line. (COO 5.08.02(b) Vacant Lot Maintenance, General Standards)

A violation of the City Code for Grass Height Nuisances can result in a \$100.00 daily Civil Fine if not complied. Repeated or multiple violations may result in increased fines.



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