



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jones and Members of the Board

FROM: Karen Proctor, Town Administrator
Randi Gallivan, Town Clerk

DATE: May 7, 2020

RE: Code Enforcement- Weeds and Trees

BACKGROUND:

Code section 7-1-20 (7)c.1. of the Foxfield Municipal code states the following as a nuisance violation: "Noxious weeds. The presence of or continued spread of any noxious weed as defined in Section 7-1-10 of this Article on any such lot or tract of land, including any public or private easement adjoining such lot or tract of land."

Code section 7-1-20 (7)c.2. states "weeds, brush and other vegetation grown in a rank or unsightly fashion. In addition to an owner's property, adjoining rights-of-way along road sides, including ditches and berms, are to be maintained by each property owner. No person, firm or corporations owning or occupying any property within the Town shall permit any grass or any vegetation whatsoever to grow or remain in the rights-of-ways adjoining their property so as to exceed a height of twelve (12) inches."

Code section 7-1-20(7)(c)(a-d) states "trees, shrubs and other vegetation which: a) Are dead, broken, diseased or infested by insects so as to endanger the well-being of other trees, shrubs or vegetation or constitute a potential threat or hazard to public health, safety and welfare; or b) Contribute to blight and property degradation. 4. Vegetation likely to: a) Harbor animals or insects dangerous to public health; b) Cause a detriment to neighboring property; c) Contribute to conditions that cause blight and property degradation; or d) Grow into the public right-of-way such that it obstructs the view of drivers on public streets or private driveways or blocks the free use of a public trail, sidewalk, street or other public easement."

The current SOP being followed by Code Enforcement regarding weeds is a Notice is given via a doorhanger and then if the weeds are not removed or mowed in 14 days, a Summons is issued.

DISCUSSION:

The current SOP regarding weeds was the direction given by the Board to the previous Code Enforcement officers at the study session last June.

Does the Board want to direct the Code Enforcement officer to continue with the current SOP of issuing a notice via a doorhanger and then give a summons if weeds are not removed within 14 days?

Should the same procedure be followed for dead and infected trees?