

***WEED CONTROL  
ORDINANCE NO. 553***

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE IX, "GENERAL REGULATIONS",  
CHAPTER 93 UNDER THE SECTIO "WEED CONTROL".

THE CITY OF ST JOHNS ORDAINS:

That Section 93.50 be amended in part as follows:

"No person or entity occupying any premises and no person or entity owning any unoccupied premises shall permit or maintain on any such premises any growth of noxious weeds; nor any growth of grass or other vegetation to a greater height than 8: on the average; nor any weeds that reach a seed-bearing stage; nor any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush." (The remaining language of Section 93.50 is unchanged).

That Section 93.51 be amended in part as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the occupant of every premises and the owner of unoccupied premises within the city to cut and remove or destroy by lawful means all such noxious weeds and grass as often as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of Section 93.50."

That Section 93.52 be repealed in whole and supplanted by the following:

"If the provisions of Sections 93.50 and 93.51 are not complied with by the occupant or owner of a premises in violation thereof, the City Clerk shall notify the appropriate party by first class mail, return receipt requested, or by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in Clinton County if the mailing is ineffective, that said weeds or grasses will be cut by the city. Said notice will give the occupant or owner 10 days to comply with this chapter. If the city is required to cut the weeds or grasses because of non-compliance by the occupant or owner, said occupant or owner of the premises will then be charged the actual cost of cutting said weeds or grasses. The city may then cut the weeds as many times as is necessary during the growing season of the calendar year in which the aforementioned notice was provided and charge the appropriate party for all such cuttings."