



Legislation Text

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ITEM: ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01 (NUISANCE)

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE II (NUISANCES), SECTION 30-53 (NUISANCE DECLARED) AND SUBSECTION 30-54 (NUISANCE TO BE ABATED) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA; TO MODIFY AND CLARIFY THE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF EXCESSIVE GROWTH OF GRASS, WEEDS AND LOW-GROWING VEGETATION ON UNDEVELOPED, PARTIALLY DEVELOPED PROPERTIES AND ON INACTIVE OR ABANDONED GOLF COURSE PROPERTIES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REQUEST: Approve the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article II (Nuisances) of the Wellington Code of Ordinances. The proposed amendments (attached) require developed and undeveloped land to be maintained at a height of no more than six inches (6") and clarifies the maintenance standards for golf courses, whether active or inactive. The standards have also been put into a table, to make them easier to read and understand.

EXPLANATION: Over the past year, the Code Compliance office has experienced a surge in citizen complaints about lack of maintenance of large vacant properties and closed golf course land. During the processing of these cases, staff has determined that some of the maintenance standards could be improved to more fully protect the health, safety, general welfare and ability of residents adjoining these properties to enjoy their yards and homes. Not only does lack of reasonable maintenance create appearance issues, it also results in promotion of noxious weed growth and creates breeding and habitat areas for undesirable animal life (i.e. rats, mice snakes, insects, raccoon, possum, reptiles, etc.) that invade adjacent yards and homes. The ordinance also clarifies how abandoned golf courses are treated under Wellington's code and creates clear and uniform standards for the maintenance of such properties.

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED: NO

PUBLIC HEARING: YES **QUASI-JUDICIAL:** NO

FIRST READING: YES **SECOND READING:**

LEGAL SUFFICIENCY: YES

FISCAL IMPACT: No direct Fiscal impact. However, adoption of the proposed amendments will provide for the protection and enhancement of the value of properties adjacent to vacant and idle lands.

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RECOMMENDATION: Approve the proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 30, Article II (Nuisances) of the Wellington Code of Ordinances.