

Newark Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8, Sec. 8.04.008 Overgrown vegetation and weeds

(a) Except as provided in subsection (d), it is an offense for any person owning, leasing, claiming, occupying, or having supervision or control of any real property within the city to suffer, permit, or allow uncultivated grass, weeds, or brush to grow to a height greater than 10 inches on average upon such premises, including along the sidewalk or street adjacent to the premises between the property line and the curb or, if there is no curb, between the property line and the driving surface.

(b) It shall be the duty of any person owning, leasing, claiming, occupying, or having supervision or control of any real property within the city to cut, or cause to be cut, grass, weeds and brush, as often as necessary to comply with the requirements of this article.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (d), all grass, weeds, vegetation, or brush not regularly cultivated and which exceed 10 inches in height shall be presumed to be objectionable, unsightly, and unsanitary, and are hereby declared a public nuisance.

(d) For tracts of land in excess of five acres, or that are used for the active production of livestock, it shall be required only that grass, weeds and vegetation, not regularly cultivated, be mowed to a height of no greater than 10 inches within a minimum of 200 feet of all adjacent property lines and public or private streets. This minimum may be revised on a case-by-case basis when deemed necessary by the public works director to insure adequate fire safety of adjacent property containing structures or equipment.

(e) Property maintained in violation of this section shall be deemed a nuisance.

(Ordinance A-290, sec. 1 (7), adopted 10/20/05)