



City of Chesterfield Nuisance Ordinance

Weeds!







Nuisance Ordinance-2008 update

- To recognize the ecological and environmental benefits associated with preserving and managing healthy native plantings and landscapes
- Provide opportunities to choose managed appropriate vegetation to preserve storm water quality, wildlife habitat, riparian corridors, stream banks, steep slopes, and other environmentally sensitive areas without affecting human health safety, or public welfare
- To include definitions and language pertaining to invasive plants, noxious weeds, nuisance plants, native plants



Definitions

- *Invasive plant* – A vegetation species that grows aggressively in the State of Missouri, as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.
- *Native plant* – A vegetation species that existed prior to the arrival of settlers within the State of Missouri, as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.
- *Noxious weed* – A vegetation species that is listed as a Missouri State Noxious Weed by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- *Nuisance plant* – Toxic species known to cause death or severe allergic reactions among a segment of the human population such as Poison Hemlock, Poison Ivy, and Ragweed.



Definitions

NOXIOUS WEEDS

As may be amended from time to time by the United States Department of Agriculture Missouri State Listed Noxious Weeds

Canada thistle,
Common teasel
Cut-leaved teasel
Field bindweed
Johnson grass
Kudzu
Marijuana
Multiflora rose
Musk thistle
Purple loosestrife
Scotch thistle



Image from MoDOT



Definitions

INVASIVE PLANTS

As may be amended from time to time by the Missouri Department of Conservation Listed in the Missouri Vegetation Manual

Autumn olive

Black Locust

Bush honeysuckles

Common buckthorn

Crown vetch

Garlic mustard

Gray dogwood

Honey locust (with seeds)

Japanese honeysuckle

Leafy spurge

Osage orange

Reed canary grass

Sericea lespedeza

Sesbania

Smooth sumac

Sweet clover (white and yellow)

Wintercreeper



Images from MDC



A nuisance can include:

Failure to mow or cut turf grass or turf weeds, to maintain a maximum height of not more than twelve (12) inches, or failure to control or remove listed [section 20-7] *nuisance plants, invasive plants and noxious weeds* in such a manner that constitutes a hurt, injury, inconvenience or danger to the health safety or welfare of the public or residents and occupants of the immediate vicinity. *Managed stands of native plants, ornamental grasses, or shrubs, and cultivated agricultural crops, vegetable gardens or flower gardens* exceeding twelve (12) inches in height are permitted provided they are maintained free of turf weeds and grasses, nuisance plants, invasive plants and noxious weeds, are kept at least four (4) feet from a property line, and do not impair sight distance, or constitute a hurt, injury, inconvenience or danger to the health safety or welfare of the public or residents and occupants of the immediate vicinity.



A nuisance can include:

Failure to mow or cut turf grass or turf weeds, to maintain a maximum height of **not more than twelve (12) inches**, or failure to control or remove listed [section 20-7] nuisance plants, invasive plants and noxious weeds in such a manner that constitutes a hurt, injury, inconvenience or danger to the health safety or welfare of the public or residents and occupants of the immediate vicinity.





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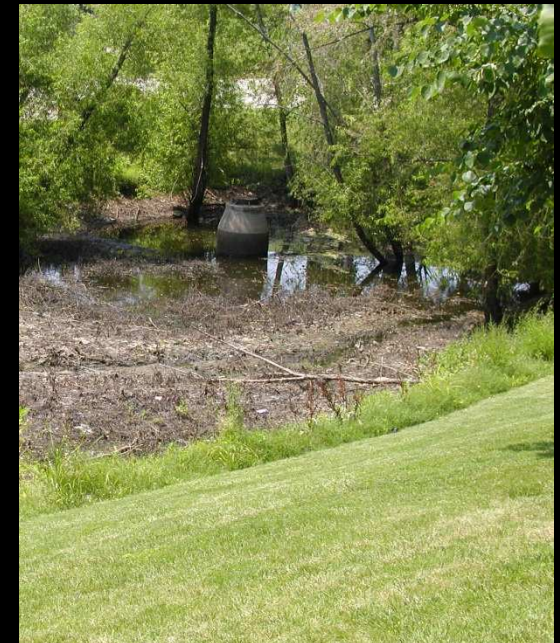
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A nuisance can include:

Maintaining or permitting conditions that promote or allow mosquito, cockroach, flea, or other insect infestations to develop upon a premises or in **stagnant pools or impoundments of water**, that constitute a hurt, injury, inconvenience or danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or residents of the immediate vicinity.





Nuisances



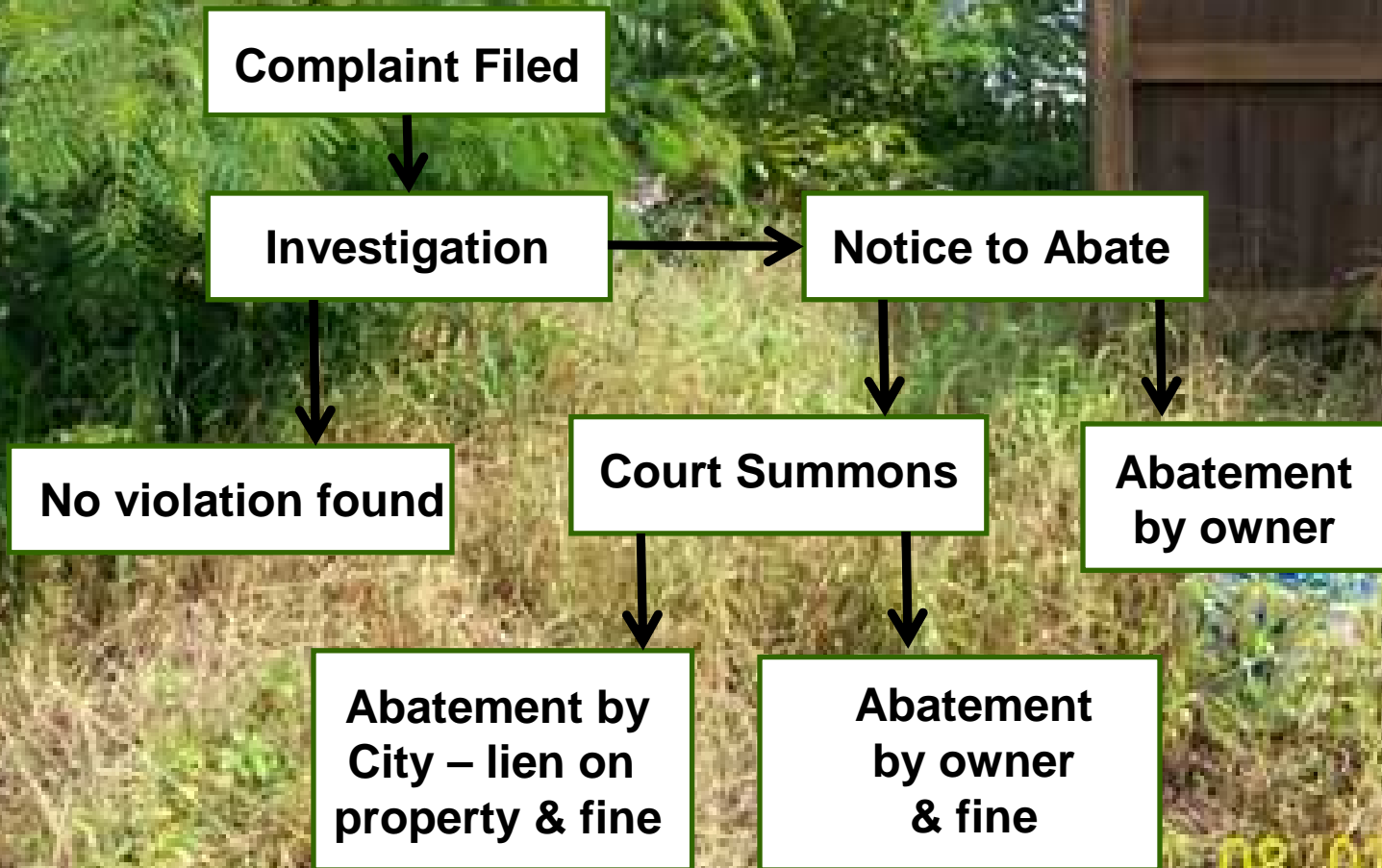


A nuisance can include:

Any stormwater management facility located on any lot or land shall be declared a public nuisance for failure to maintain the private stormwater management facility if it has conditions impairing its proper operation, including, but not limited to, excessive sediment, extensive ponding of water, rubbish and trash, noxious weeds or invasive plants or nuisance plants exceeding twelve (12) inches in height, or any material which is unhealthy or impacts the proper operation of the private stormwater management facility.

Native plants, turf grass, ornamental grasses, or shrubs, including plants that are part of an approved, designed private stormwater facility or MSD approved guidance document do not constitute a public nuisance.

Enforcement



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Thank you!

<http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/webcontent/ordinances/2012/ord2704.pdf>

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