

4 May 2020

Dear Hideout land and home owners,

Now that the growing season is upon us, it is important that all owners stay on top of their landscape and weed maintenance. If weeds grow uncontrolled, they will quickly infest adjoining neighbor's properties. High weeds also create a fire hazard and offer a preferred environment for rattlesnakes.

Wasatch County has major problems with the spread of noxious weeds. The county currently has 27 species of noxious weeds, of the 55 listed by the Utah State Department of Agriculture.

The Utah Noxious Weed Act (Title 4, Chapter 17, Rule R68-09) provides for the control and management of noxious weeds in Utah. Private property owners, municipalities, and state agencies are subject to the provision of the Utah Noxious Weed Act. All landowners within the boundaries of Wasatch County are also subject to Wasatch County policies and ordinances applicable, as provided by State Law concerning noxious weeds.

**You are responsible to control the weeds on your property at your own expense.** Please read the relevant portions of the attached Town Code so you are familiar with the applicable ordinances and comply with them.

You are required to take action no later than June 15, 2020. You may contract your own service, or you may leverage the contract the Town has with Greenleaf, a local landscape maintenance company, to provide weed eradication service. The pricing below applies to vacant lot costs and is based on lot size as described below:

| ☐ Lot size 0.33 acres or less              | \$65  |
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| ☐ Lot size between 0.33 and 0.66 acres     | \$120 |
| ☐ Lot size 0.66 to 1.0 acres               | \$165 |
| ☐ Contact Green Leaf for pricing above 1.0 | acre  |

Landscaped lot costs will vary depending on the nature of your weed issues and the type of plants and trees on your lot. Treating early in the season (end of May and first of June) will kill the weeds before they go to seed and result in a more successful outcome. Extensive weed infestations may need to be sprayed twice. Please contact Greenleaf for a quote on your property

NOTE: If your home or property is on HOA "Common Property" you are not required to spray. The HOA will take care of this for you.

Greenleaf is currently scheduling time in Hideout to spray weeds. You can contact "Buck" or June at Green Leaf to get on the schedule. Contact details for Greenleaf are:

Greenleaf Park City (parkcitygreenleaf.com)

Phone: 435-645-9342

Email: parkcitygreenleaf@gmail.com

In order for the town to monitor compliance with the weed control requirements, after completion of your spraying, please send a copy of the work receipt to:

Carol Kusterle The Town of Hideout 10860 N Hideout Trail Hideout, Utah 84036

or via email to <a href="mailto:Carol@HideoutUtah.gov">Carol@HideoutUtah.gov</a>

Owners who do not control their weeds or send work receipts will be identified and the Town may contract to have these weeds removed at the Owners Expense. Thanks for taking the time to address this problematic issue. It is in everyone's best interest to comply with these rules as the whole community benefits.

Thank you for your cooperation,

The Town of Hideout

# **Applicable Hideout Town Code**

#### Title 4 - Health & Sanitation

### 4.02.106 CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE PRIOR TO ABATEMENT:

It shall be unlawful for any owner of property within the town to maintain the following conditions on the owner's property.

A. Weeds on the property (including adjacent park strips, alleys, and street edges) which do not comply with the standards described in section 4.02.111, "Standards for Weed Control", of this chapter.

## 4.02.110: NUISANCE CONDITIONS:

The following conditions on real property shall constitute a nuisance under this chapter and the enforcement officer may abate these conditions or issue a criminal citation to the owner under section 4.02.119, "Criminal Prosecution", of this chapter with or without providing notice as provided in section 4.02.112, "Notice", of this chapter:

B. Weeds on property (including abutting park strips, alleys, or street edges) which have grown to a height exceeding six inches (6") or which have grown on or over a sidewalk.

## 4.02.111: STANDARDS FOR WEED CONTROL:

Weeds shall be maintained at a height of not more than six inches (6") at all times and cuttings must be promptly cleared and removed from the property.

- A. Weeds must be eradicated by chemicals, cutting or other acceptable means so that they do not exceed six inches (6") in height.
- B. Weeds that are rototilled, disked, or removed by the root must be buried under the soil, removed from the property, or composted.