



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: Hazardous Vegetation Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022

Date: August 17, 2021

Sponsor(s): Marty Rehbein

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Ward(s) Affected:

<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:

Consider a resolution

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: A resolution levying a special assessment and tax upon property for annual weed assessments to reimburse the city for hazardous vegetation and nuisance weed cut orders performed in 2020 in the total amount of \$998.50 pursuant to section 7-22-4101 Montana Code Annotated and section 8.40.040 Missoula Municipal Code.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	August 23, 2021
Committee discussion:	August 25, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	August 30, 2021
Public Hearing:	n/a
Deadline:	August 30, 2021

Background and Alternatives Explored:

Each year, the City receives many hazardous vegetation and nuisance weed complaints. Community Planning, Development, & Innovation (CPDI) inspects the property in question, and if they find the vegetation violates city ordinance, they send notice to the property owner to cut the vegetation. If the vegetation isn't cut in the time outlined in the notice, the City's contractor cuts the weeds and CPDI sends the property owner an invoice. If the property owner hasn't paid the invoice, state law and the city ordinance allow the city council to collect the debt through a property tax levy.

During the past year, several properties didn't pay the invoices for vegetation removal by the city's contractor totaling \$998.50. The vegetation was cut in 2020.

Financial Implications:

The city will not be reimbursed for the expense of cutting the weeds, and there will be a shortfall in the weed program budget.