



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

**Committee:** Administration and Finance

**Item:** Resolution levying assessments for hazardous vegetation for fiscal year 2021

**Date:** August 20, 2020

**Sponsor(s):** Marty Rehbein

**Prepared by:** same

**Ward(s) Affected:**

Ward 1                       Ward 4

Ward 2                       Ward 5

Ward 3                       Ward 6

All Wards                       N/A

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**Action Required:**  
Consider a resolution

**Recommended Motion(s):**  
I move the City Council: Adopt a resolution levying a special assessment and tax upon property for annual weed assessments for fiscal year 2021 to reimburse the city for hazardous vegetation and nuisance weed cut orders in the amount of \$1,187.50 pursuant to section 7-22-4101 Montana Code Annotated and section 8.40.040 Missoula Municipal Code

**Timeline:**

Referral to committee:	August 24, 2020
Committee discussion:	September 2 or 9, 2020
Council action (or sets hearing):	September 14, 2020
Public Hearing:	n/a
Deadline:	September 14, 2020

**Background and Alternatives Explored:**  
Each year, the City receives many hazardous vegetation and nuisance weed complaints. Development Services (DS) 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 DS 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.

**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.

**Links to external websites:**