



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

Committee: Administration and Finance

Item: Resolution levying assessments for hazardous vegetation removal (weeds) for fiscal year 2020

Date: August 15, 2019

Sponsor(s): Marty Rehbein

Prepared by: same

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:
Adopt resolution

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: Adopt 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 2018 in the total amount of \$1,434.00 pursuant to section 7-22-4101 Montana Code Annotated and section 8.40.040 Missoula Municipal Code

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	August 19, 2019
Committee discussion:	August 21, 2019
Council action (or sets hearing):	August 26, 2019
Public Hearing:	n/a
Deadline:	August 26, 2019

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 totaling \$1,43400. The vegetation was cut in 2018.

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.