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## RESIDENTIAL NOTIFICATION

### Right of Way Maintenance - Grass/Tall Weeds Discharge June 28, 2022

At the regular City Council Meeting on June 17, 2022, The Council adopted [Ordinance #22-06.07](#) that outlines the maintenance responsibilities of the right-of-way and sidewalks by abutting property owners or occupants and prohibits the discharge of grass and other items onto public streets. This ordinance is a result of concerns by residents and input by City Staff, which addresses:

- Unsightly roadside overgrowth and piles of cut, dead grass on the road surface and sidewalks.
- Lawn clippings and other material washing into and clogging the storm drains that results in increased flooding of certain areas.
- Lawn clippings and debris hazard with slick grass between tires and asphalt that may result in loss of control when running over grass road debris (green ice).
- Increased maintenance costs to the road surface and wear / tear on the street sweeper including the need to empty the collection container with more trips City's brush site for disposal.
- Reduction in the amount of lawn care products and chemicals washing down into the stormwater system and further down to lake/tributaries.



There are several actions that property owners or occupants can take to keep grass clippings off the roadway, to include reversing the direction of the cut on the first one or two passes or removing the clippings from the road surface with a blower, broom or mower with blade(s) engaged. Initially, property owners or occupants will be given a warning and three days to remove grass from the road surface. Failure to remove the grass within the allotted time frame, or continued non-compliance will result in a citation.

Another ordinance passed on June 21<sup>st</sup> was for culvert & stormwater, maintenance and responsibility ([ORD #22-06.05](#)) which prohibits the use of herbicides, grass or weed killing products in stormwater ditches as such chemicals cause erosion of the ditches which require increased maintenance.

The City of Marceline has invested a lot of resources during the past several years through code enforcement, nuisance property abatement, and investments in street projects to protect the health, safety and well-being of residents, their property values, provide for economic development value, and offer a welcoming vista for visitors and potential businesses. These investments are being noticed with comments by the general public and increased economic development activity in the City. Please help us in keeping Marceline beautiful and safe!