

CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
60 GREENE ST  
RIVERSIDE, IOWA 52327

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

**1. Property Nuisance Presentation - Dan Morgan, Lynch Dallas, P.C.**

**2. Nuisance Abatement Plan of Action Discussion**

**a. Property Maintenance**

- i. IPMC 2021 - <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/IPMC2021V1.0>
- ii. Schedule of Fees
- iii. Means of Appeal

**b. Junk and Unused Vehicles**

- i. Damaged, inoperable, or unused within last 30 days
- ii. Must be removed within 5 days
  - 1. Certified mail or municipal infraction process

**c. Trees**

- i. Planting Restrictions
  - 1. Can be planted midway between outer line of sidewalk and curb. If no curbline, must be planted 10 feet from property line.
  - 2. Cannot be planted in Right of Way that is less than 9 feet wide of 81 square feet of exposed surface soil per tree. Cannot be planted closer than 20 feet of an intersection and 10 feet from driveways. Planting location preference is given to inside the property line.
  - 3. No fruit bearing trees or cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Chinese elm, evergreen, willow, or black walnut can be planted along streets.
- ii. Trimming (5 day notice)
  - 1. 15 feet above streets
  - 2. 8 feet above sidewalks
- iii. Inspection & Removal
  - 1. City Council may cause any tree that is suspected to be infected or damaged to be inspected and removed.

**d. Weeds, Vines, & Brush**

- i. Notice by Publication Only (published by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year) in effect from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - 1. Developed Areas- No taller than 8 inches or 3 inches in diameter
  - 2. Undeveloped Areas- No taller than 18 inches or 3 inches in diameter
- ii. Vegetable and flower gardens are exempt as long as they are purposefully planted
- iii. Pollinator gardens require a permit including:
  - 1. Maintenance Plan
  - 2. Site plan with compliant buffer strips
  - 3. Sign with permit number must be displayed
  - 4. Cannot be taller than 3 feet