

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 1, 2025, AGENDA**

<p>Subject: Amendments to Chapter 20 of the Little Rock City Code to Allow Immediate Citation for Certain Nuisance Violations.</p> <p>Submitted By: Department of Housing and Neighborhood Programs.</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan Altrui Acting City Manager</p>
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SYNOPSIS	An ordinance amending the Little Rock City Code to allow for the immediate issuance of citations for certain nuisance violations, including illegal residential yard parking and overgrown vegetation. The ordinance also establishes a fine schedule for repeat offenses and updates procedures for notice and enforcement.
FISCAL IMPACT	Minimal. The ordinance streamlines existing enforcement procedures without requiring new personnel or resources. Any increase in citation revenue or court activity is expected to be absorbed within current operations.
RECOMMENDATION	Approval of the Ordinance.
BACKGROUND	<p>Chapter 20 of the Little Rock Code of Ordinances governs nuisances and outlines penalties for violations. Current enforcement procedures for certain violations, including residential yard parking and excessive vegetation, often require advance notice, which can hinder timely enforcement.</p> <p>This ordinance authorizes immediate citation for the following nuisance conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking or permitting parking of a vehicle in a residential yard in violation of Section 36-513. • Allowing grass, weeds, or uncultivated plants to exceed ten (10) inches in height or to grow in rank profusion on private property or abutting public right-of-way in violation of Section 20-2.

**BACKGROUND
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The ordinance also implements a tiered fine schedule for vegetation violations occurring on the same property within a calendar year:

- \$50 for the first offense
- \$100 for the second offense
- \$200 for third and subsequent offenses

In addition, Section 20-2 is amended to:

- Clarify that no advance notice is required for violations subject to immediate citation.
- Confirm that no additional notice is required for repeat violations occurring within 365 days of the original notice.

These amendments are intended to promote community upkeep, streamline enforcement, and ensure due process through clear and consistent procedures.