

1 grown to a height greater than ten (10) inches on an individual lot, tract, parcel, or grown in
2 rank profusion upon the premises or in, along upon, or across the abutting sidewalk, parkway
3 or alley in violation of section 20-2 is a nuisance subject to an immediate citation;

4 b. Any owner or occupant of a property who permits grass, weeds, or any other plant that is
5 not cultivated, to grow to a height greater than ten (10) inches on an individual lot, tract, parcel,
6 or to grow in rank profusion upon the premises or in, along upon, or across the abutting
7 sidewalk, parkway or alley in violation of section 20-2 may be cited for the violation of this
8 article, and the owner or occupant shall be responsible for any penalties imposed.

9 (5) a. Any person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or who is found guilty at trial of permitting
10 grass, weeds, or any other plant that is not cultivated, to grow to a height greater than ten (10)
11 inches on an individual lot, tract, parcel, or to grow in rank profusion upon the premises or in, along
12 upon, or across the abutting sidewalk, parkway or alley in violation of section 20-2 shall be fined
13 as follows:

14 (i) fifty dollars (\$50.00) and any applicable court costs for the first violation within a
15 calendar year;

16 (ii) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and any applicable court costs for the second violation
17 at the same individual lot, tract, or parcel within a calendar year;

18 (iii) two hundred dollars (\$200.00) and any applicable court costs for the third and all
19 subsequent violations at the same individual lot, tract, or parcel within a calendar year.

20 b. A calendar year is defined as a twelve-month period that begins on January 1 and ends on
21 December 31.

22 **Section 2.** Little Rock, Ark., Rev Code Chapter 20, Article 1, Sections 20-2(d) and (e) are hereby
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (d) With the exception noted in subsection (e) below, the person responsible for the violation shall
25 be notified by one (1) or more of the following methods:

26 (1) By delivery to the owner, agent or responsible party, personally.

27 (2) By leaving the notice at the usual place, abode or business of the owner, agent or
28 responsible party, with a person of suitable age and discretion.

29 (3) By depositing the notice in the United States mail, addressed to the owner, agent or
30 responsible party, at his last known address by certified mail, postage prepaid thereon.

31 (4) By posting and keeping posted for a period of not less than twenty-four (24) hours, a copy
32 of the notice in a conspicuous place on the premises alleged to be in violation.

33 (5) By depositing the notice in the United States mail, addressed to the owner, agent or
34 responsible party, at his last known address by regular mail with a notarized affidavit stating

1 date mailed, postage prepaid thereon. This form of notice shall only be used in conjunction
2 with one (1) or more other forms of notice permitted by this subsection.

3 (6) Notice under this section shall not apply to a nuisance that is subject to immediate citation
4 under Section 20-1.

5 (e) No further notice, warning, or grace period is required to be given for any alleged repeat
6 violation of the same subsection of this section ~~within the remainder of the same calendar year for~~
7 a period of three hundred and sixty-five (365) days after a notice has been issued.

8 **Section 3. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or
9 word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or
10 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and
11 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of the
12 ordinance.

13 **Section 4. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same, that are inconsistent with
14 the provisions of this resolution, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

15 **Section 5. Emergency Clause.** *There is hereby found and declared to be an immediate need for the*
16 *amendment to the Little Rock, Ark., Code of Ordinances which benefits the public health, safety, and welfare*
17 *of the City and the inhabitants thereof. It is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance,*
18 *being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare, shall be in force*
19 *and take effect immediately upon and after its passage.*

20 **PASSED: April 1, 2025**

21 **ATTEST:**

APPROVED:

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24 **Allison Segars, City Clerk**

_____ **Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor**

25 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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28 **Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney**

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