



TO: Mayor Shaun Sipma

Members of the City Council

FROM: David Lakefield, City Finance Director

DATE: August 2, 2019

SUBJECT: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT APPROVAL; 2019 WEED CUTTING

I. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Recommend approval of the assessment roll for 2019 weed cutting.

II. DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSONS

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| Dan Jonasson, Public Works Director | 857-4112 |
| David Lakefield, City Finance Director | 857-4784 |

III. DESCRIPTION

A. Background

The Public Works department has responded to a number of complaints regarding tall grass and weeds. The attached list represents those locations the City abated for the twelve-month period beginning August 31, 2018 but has not received payment. The City wishes to certify the attached list to Ward County for collection with property taxes.

IV. IMPACT:

A. Strategic Impact:

The special assessment of nuisances, specifically tall grass and weeds, is governed by City Ordinance section 22-6.

B. Service/Delivery Impact:

Provides guidelines for property owners and a mechanism for the City to respond to those in non-compliance.

C. Fiscal Impact:

This project was funded with property taxes. Timely collection of the assessments can help to reduce future property tax levies for nuisances.

V. ALTERNATIVES

Alt one. The Council could deny approval of the assessment roll for 2019 weed cutting. This would place the cost of abating nuisances on the shoulders of all property owners.

VI. TIME CONSTRAINTS

Council's approval of the assessment roll will allow staff to move forward with processing the loans resulting in inclusion in the annual certification to Ward County for collection.

VII. LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Weed Cutting 2019