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LEGAL NOTICE City of Youngstown Grass Cutting Notice

1749.01 DECLARED A NUISANCE. Any grasses, weeds and plants including, but not limited to, thistles, jimsonweed, burdock, ragweed, cocklebur or any plants or vegetation, other than trees, bushes, flowers, cultivated ornamental flowers, trees, bushes and plants found growing to a height exceeding eight (8) inches in any lot, parcel or tract of land, within the City, are hereby declared to be unlawful as a public nuisance and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Any plants, bushes, shrubs, trees or other vegetation including cultivated ornamental flowers, trees, bushes and plants hanging over or growing onto or along any curb, sidewalk, street, lane or alleyway or other public ground within the City so as to create a hazard or obstruction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the general public are hereby declared to be unlawful as a public nuisance.

1749.02 GRASS, WEEDS AND PLANTS; DUTY TO CUT; NONCOMPLIANCE. No person, whether an owner, lessee, agent, tenant, or business entity, having charge of any lot of land within the City shall permit weeds, tall grass and/or plants specified under Section 1749.01 in excess of eight (8) inches in height to remain standing upon his or her property. Furthermore, no person, whether an owner, lessee, agent, tenant or business entity, having charge of any lot of land within the City shall permit any plants, bushes, shrubs, trees or other vegetation including cultivated ornamental flowers, trees, bushes and plants hanging over or growing onto or along any curb, sidewalk, street, lane or alleyway or other public ground within the City to create a hazard or obstruction to pedestrian or vehicular traffic. The City may issue a citation to the owner or tenant to cut or remove the grass, weeds, and/or plants specified under Section 1749.01. The City, in its sole discretion, may issue or post a warning notice to the owner or tenant prior to issuing a citation. Posted notices shall be in at least twelve-point type and prominently posted on or near the property. A violation of this Section is a nuisance per se pursuant to Section 1749.01, and as such the City may enter said lot of land to abate the nuisance without issuing or posting notice in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

1749.03 FAILURE TO REMOVE. Upon violation of Section <u>1749.02</u>, the City or its agent may remove the grass and/or weeds and continue to maintain the property at issue for the remainder of the growing season (April 1- October 31), and recover the total cost for all services. All fees recovered pursuant hereto shall be in addition to any penalties under Section <u>1749.99</u>.

Mayor Brown