

Overview of Original Draft Adjustments

The following is a descriptions of minor changes to the original draft of the Property Maintenance ordinance presented at the March 7th, 2007 City Council Workshop.

- The definition for “Commercial Handbill” was eliminated and a definition of “Handbill” was inserted because of constitutional concerns of limiting commercial speech.
- The original document required the printer and distributor information of handbills be printed on the document. That has been eliminated on the current document.
- There was concern regarding the enforcement of vehicles for sale within 100 feet of the road right of way in the neighborhoods. Staff has considered changing the language to no vehicles for sale on streets greater than 25mph.
- The Engineering department has proposed a change to the weed enforcement by allowing “native grasses and plants” to be exempt from the weed ordinance. Ordinance staff is concerned with enforcement, when people declare their open field “native”. Staff has discussed that the “natural landscaping” with native grasses and plants should be a deliberate project with setbacks and boundary’s. We have also discussed the “natural landscaping” should be inspected and registered with the city in order to be exempt from the weed ordinance.