



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: February 7, 2014

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: Mark F. Miller, Director of Economic & Community Development
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Subject: PURE TROY – Mowing Maintenance

On July 22, 2013 City Council requested a study session to discuss right of way maintenance including mowing and snow removal from public sidewalks. Council held the study session on September 9, 2013. Both mowing and snow removal were studied.

Council concerns regarding mowing were forwarded to City Management. After carefully considering these concerns, City Management will recommend City Council amend City Code Chapter 82 Property Maintenance. Specifically, the recommendation will be to reduce the maximum allowed turf grass/weed height from the current 10 inches to 8 inches. The 8 inch requirement is consistent with other communities in Southeast Michigan. The reduction in height will improve aesthetics and protect property values in residential neighborhoods, particularly in those neighborhoods with foreclosed homes. This is the only recommendation being proposed to Chapter 82.

This item will be presented to City Council at the Regular meeting on March 3, 2014.