

A G E N D A R E P O R T

DATE January 17, 2006

ITEM RESOLUTION 9543 TO LEVY AND ASSESS THE COST OF REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF NUISANCE WEEDS

INITIATED BY FISCAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

ACTION REQUESTED ADOPT RESOLUTION 9543

PREPARED BY JUDY BURG, ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

PRESENTED BY COLEEN BALZARINI, CITY CONTROLLER

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 9543 to assess the cost of removal and disposal of nuisance weeds to owners of properties listed on **Revised** Exhibit A and included with Resolution 9543.

**MOTION**

“I move to adopt Resolution 9543 as revised.”

**SYNOPSIS**

Resolution 9543 will assess costs incurred by the City in removing nuisance weeds from private properties during 2005. The individual properties are listed on **Revised** Exhibit A.

**BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the City of Great Falls Municipal Code 8.44.040, property owners were notified in writing of weed violations. Determinations of the existing violations were made by the City Weed Inspector. Re-inspections confirmed the weeds had not been removed and were subsequently cut by City crews. Property owners have been billed for the charges numerous times and payment has not been received.

During the spring and summer season of 2005, 2660 notices of weed violations were mailed to individual property owners. After re-inspections and subsequent cutting by City crews, 57 property owners were billed for the costs associated with the removal of those weeds. **Revised** Exhibit “A” lists the ~~33~~ **(payment received from one property owner)** **32** remaining property owners to be assessed for non-payment after numerous billings.

Section 7-22-4101, MCA, authorizes the City Commission to levy the cost of removing nuisance weeds against the properties if payment is not made.

Cc: Debbie Kimball, Program Specialist