

City of Chelan Noxious Weeds Program

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Chelan weed abatement program promotes noxious weed control through public education and/or written contact with landowners. The City recognizes the control of noxious weeds is a community effort, requiring all owners to control the growth and spread of noxious weeds on their land and to prevent infestations from occurring on the adjacent properties.

The Code Enforcement Officer is available, on request, to assist in the identification of noxious weeds and to provide information on the ways to control and abate weeds. These ways may include mechanical, chemical, and/or biological control. The effort to control and/or abate noxious weeds may take several years.

ENFORCEMENT POLICY

An infestation of noxious weeds within the City of Chelan is a prohibited condition per Chelan Municipal Code. Every property owner is responsible for the abatement on their property and any unimproved right-of-way, parking strip, or similar area abutting and adjacent to said real property. Upon finding a weed infestation on a property the Code Enforcement Officer shall send a certified letter to the property owner informing them of the prohibited condition. The letter will state the prohibited condition and state that the property owner shall have ten days from the receipt of such letter to abate such said condition.

At any such time after the ten day period the abatement of the property can be brought into compliance by requesting the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing the City to cause abatement of the prohibited condition. If the abatement is done by the City of Chelan a lien for labor and materials shall be filed on such said property.

Further more if the condition is not completed within the ten day prior to the owner of the property shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars.

Please see attached City of Chelan Municipal Code.