CITY OF COFFEYVILLE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE	March 12, 2013	
RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE NUMBER	G-13-01	
AGENDA TITLE	**Ordinance to amend Chapter 16 weed nuisances.**	
REQUESTING DEPARTMENT	Code Enforcement	
PRESENTER	James Grimmett	
FISCAL INFORMATION	Cost as recommended:	N/A
	Budget Line Item:	N/A
	Balance Available	N/A
	New Appropriation Required:	[ ] Yes [x] No
PURPOSE	The purpose of this report is to request a change in the weed ordinance. The ordinance now states that weeds have a blighting effect if they exceed 8 inches. We are requesting this be changed to **12** inches.	

BACKGROUND	Code Enforcement labors many hours entering case information, mailing notices and re inspecting for code compliance. During the mowing season, particularly at the beginning, this seems to be counter productive. The enforcement steps are as follows; 1. Initial inspection for weeds >8” 2. Search tax rolls for owner information 3. Log owner information into MyGov 4. Mail violation notice to owner 5. Re inspect in 10 days 6. Assign contractor to mow 7. Confirm contractor mowing It is often step 5 and 6 where we discover that the lot in question is mowed and the case is closed.
SPECIAL NOTES	
ANALYSIS	In 2012, between March 1 and May 15, there were 266 violation notices mailed to land owners. Of those only 28 were found to be in violation of the ordinance after the 10 day waiting period. These 28 were mowed by the city. Independence, Cherryvale, Iola, Ottawa and Pittsburg also consider weeds to have a blighting effect if they exceed **12** inches in height. The League of Kansas Municipalities also uses 12 inches in height in their sample ordinances.
PUBLIC INFORMATION PROCESS	
BOARD OR COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	N/A
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	We are recommending the change request be approved.
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED	N/A

ORDINANCE NO. G-13-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 16 (NUISANCES GENERALLY), SECTION 16-1 (ENUMERATION OF CERTAIN NUISANCES; PENALTY) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS:

Section 1. That Chapter 16 (Nuisances Generally), Section 16-1 (Enumeration of Certain Nuisances; Penalty), Subsection (a)(9) (Weeds), of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coffeyville, Kansas, be and is hereby amended, as follows:

> "(9) Weeds. All weeds, grasses, obnoxious vegetable growths or underbrush attaining a height of twelve inches (12") or more."

Section 2. All other provisions of Chapter 16, Section 16-1, of the Code of Ordinances shall remain in force and effect.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication, as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 26th day of March 2013.

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David George, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Price, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Paul Kritz, City Attorney