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52.01 PURPOSE. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the cutting and control of weeds and tall grass within the City.

52.02 DEFINITION. The term “weed” for use in this chapter is defined as all rank vegetable growth which exhales unpleasant obnoxious odor and also high and rank vegetable growth that may conceal vermin, rodents and pests, including but not limited to all noxious weeds, specifically: quack grass (*Agropyron repens*), perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), bull thistle (*Cirsium lanceolatum*), horse nettle (*Solanum carolinense*), leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), perennial peppergrass (*Lepidium draba*), Russian knapweed (*Centaurea repens*), buckthorn (*Rhamnus*, not to include *Rhamnus frangula*, and all other species of thistles belonging in genera of *Cirsium* and *Carduus*), butterprint (*Abutilon theophrasti*) annual, cocklebur (*Xanthium commune*) annual, wild mustard (*Brassica arvensis*) annual, wild carrot (*Daucus carota*) biennial, buckhorn (*Plantago lanceolata*) perennial, sheep sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*) perennial, sour dock (*Rumex crispus*) perennial, smooth dock (*Rumex altissimus*) perennial, poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), wild sunflower (wild strain of *Helianthus annus L.*) annual, puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*) annual and teasel (*Dipsacus*) biennial. The multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*) shall not be considered a noxious weed when cultivated for or used as understock for cultivated roses or as ornamental shrubs in gardens.

52.03 COMPLIANCE REQUIRED. No person shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, either by an act of omission or commission or by failing to cut the weeds or tall grass required by this chapter to be cut, after notice being given in a newspaper of general circulation in New Sharon and posted at the New Sharon Post Office, notifying residents of the requirements of this chapter.

52.04 RESPONSIBILITY TO CUT; CITY ACTION. The owners, agents or occupants of all lots and parcels of ground within the City shall cut, or cause to be cut, all weeds or tall grass on their respective premises as aforesaid not later than May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15 and September 15 respectively, each year. Notwithstanding the previous statement, owners, agents or occupants of all lots and parcels of ground within the City shall cut, or cause to be cut, all weeds or grass on their respective premises to a height not to exceed twelve inches. If any lot or parcel of ground within the City has not been cut, or has weeds or grass twelve inches or higher on May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15 and September 15 respectively, each year. In case this section is not complied with within three days after the dates above fixed, the Mayor may cause such weeds or grass to be cut.

52.05 STREETS AND ALLEYS; RESPONSIBILITY OF ABUTTING OWNERS; CITY ACTION. The owners, agents or occupants of all lands abutting any of the streets and alleys within the City shall keep such streets and alleys free from brush, weeds and rubbish.