

## Property Maintenance



The Kilgore City Council recently adopted an ordinance clarifying that owners of property next to a street shall be responsible for maintaining the property to the curb or the edge of roadway, if no curb is present.

The ordinance allows that all property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 12 inches. Weeds are defined as grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs. This, of course, does not include cultivated flowers and gardens. If you own undeveloped property, within the city limits, you must maintain at least 20 feet adjacent to the street or roadway.

*Developed property* is any tract of land or lot where any structure or paving exists or has existed as proven by evidence or by an affidavit. Clearing trees or vegetation does not cause a lot to be considered "developed property".

While most property owners do take care of the property to the edge of the street, some do not. Over the years, city staff has taken on the responsibility for a vast amount of this mowing. The city is requiring property owners to take care of this responsibility so we can better take care of our parks and shift some resources toward a greater effort in keeping creeks and drainage ways clear and flowing.



Should you have questions, please call Code Enforcement at (903) 984-5081.