



# City of Medford

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## Help Prevent Uncontrolled Vegetation During Fire Season

As the Rogue Valley transitions into summer, uncontrolled vegetation poses a significant fire threat for area homes and property. Mowing and thinning greatly decreases fire threats. To reduce the risk of fire, Medford Police Department's Code Enforcement Division enforces Municipal Code 7.430 pertaining to uncontrolled vegetation from June through September each year.

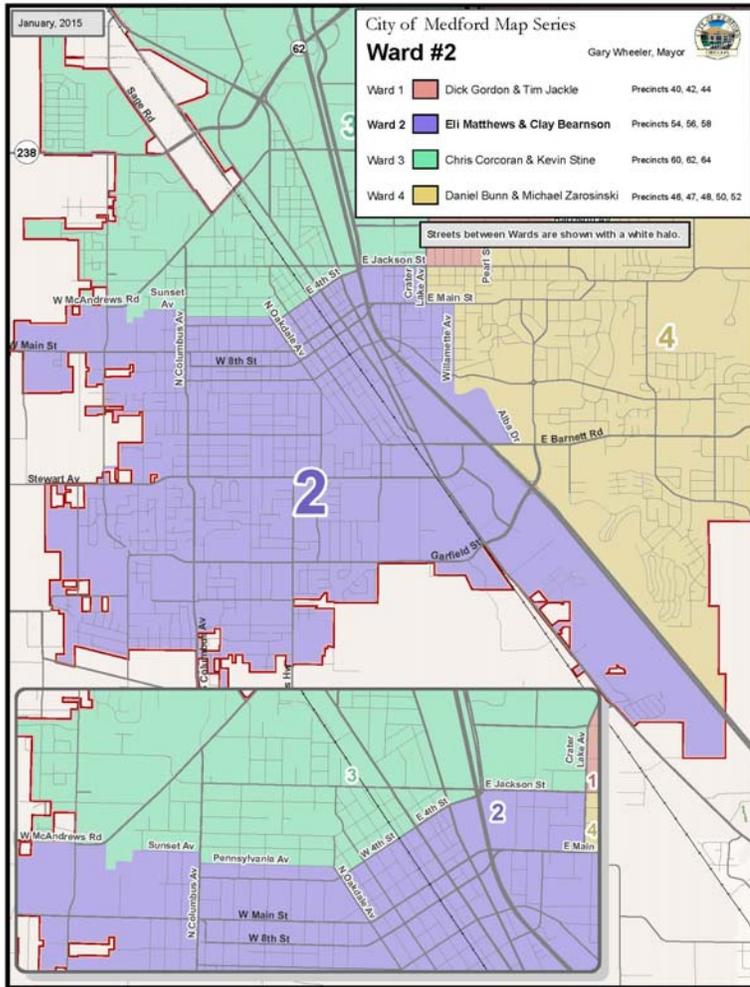
Medford's Code prohibits any owner or occupant of real property from having grass, weeds, brush or bushes, or any like vegetation, over a height of ten inches. This Code is in effect from June 1st to September 30th in any calendar year. There are a few exceptions:

- Any crop grown and maintained for agricultural purposes, or grass or other like vegetation grown and maintained for pasturage upon property fenced, zoned, and otherwise lawfully used for said purpose
- Ornamental shrubs, bushes, or other like vegetation maintained and kept in a landscaped yard or place
- Any "natural area" within a public park in the City of Medford

The City works with property owners to eliminate fire hazards. However, owners found to be out of compliance are subject to fines. In addition, the City may abate the hazard and the property owner will be billed for the cost.

To report tall weeds and grass, call Medford Police Department's Code Enforcement Division at (541) 774-2016 or submit complaints electronically through the City of Medford website at [www.ci.medford.or.us](http://www.ci.medford.or.us). Select Code Enforcement Request on the Home page.





## Council Forum Ward 2—May 26, 2016

Do you live in Ward 2 and would like to speak with your Councilmembers? Clay Bearson and Eli Matthews, Councilmembers from Ward 2, will hold a call-in forum on Thursday, May 26. The forum will be televised live on Charter Channel 181. They will be available to take your calls from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

To speak with Mr. Bearson or Mr. Matthews, call (541) 552-6079 during the forum.



Clay Bearson



Eli Matthews

## Watch Council Meetings

Medford's City Council meetings are held the first and third Thursday of every month at noon and 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The public may speak directly to the Council during the *Oral Requests and Communications* portion of these meetings. Individuals have three minutes and those representing a group have five minutes to speak.

Council meetings may be viewed live through the Online Video Center of the City's website at [www.ci.medford.or.us](http://www.ci.medford.or.us) or on Charter Cable channel 181. Watch previous meetings on our website by selecting the *City Council Meetings* option and the desired date.