

**City of Chicago  
Department of Streets and Sanitation  
Department of Environment**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR  
WEED CONTROL**

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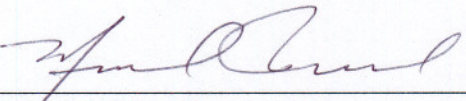
**WHEREAS,** The City of Chicago's Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation and Commissioner of Environment have authority to adopt rules and regulations necessary or proper to accomplish the purposes of Section 7-28-120 of the Municipal Code of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Chicago promotes the use of native vegetation as a means to conserve water and to reduce carbon dioxide emissions; and


**WHEREAS,** While promoting the use of native vegetation, the City of Chicago wants to continue to require property owners and persons in control of property to manage and maintain the vegetation growing on their property; now, therefore,

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE COMMISSIONER OF STREETS AND SANITATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENT PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7-28-010 AND SECTION 2-30-030 RESPECTIVELY, AND THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7-28-120, THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING WEED CONTROL ARE ADOPTED HEREIN.

By Order of the Commissioner:

  
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Michael J. Picardi  
Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation

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**Section 7-28-120 Weeds—Penalty for violation—Abatement—Lien**

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- 1.0 Scope and Purpose.** The purpose of these rules and regulations is to provide guidance on determining whether vegetation is a “weed(s)” within the meaning of Section 7-28-120 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, and as such is subject to the restrictions and abatement measures set forth in Section 7-128-120.
- 2.0 Definitions.** As used in Section 7-28-120 of the Municipal Code of Chicago and in these rules and regulations:
- “Weed ”or “weeds” means vegetation that is not managed or maintained by the person who owns or controls the property on which all such vegetation is located and which, on average, exceeds ten inches in height.
- 3.0 Fines and Abatement.** Any person who violates these rules and regulations shall be subject to the fine and abatement provisions set forth in Section 7-28-120.