

CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2026-492

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Boylan

Date of Introduction: June 9, 2026

Committee(s) of Reference: JWC, NCSPHS, R

Date of Analysis: June 5, 2026

Type of Action: *Ordinance Code* amendment

Bill Summary: The bill amends Section 518.111, *Ordinance Code*, to define “noxious weed.” It also amends Sections 518.202 and 518.209, *Ordinance Code*, to add invasive plant species designated as noxious weeds to the category of “nuisance vegetation” and provide abatement instructions pertaining to noxious weeds.

Background Information: The State of Florida has recognized the threat posed by certain invasive plant species to Florida’s native flora and agricultural and horticultural interests. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services maintains a list of such “noxious weeds” in Florida Administrative Rule 5B-57.007. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has prohibited the introduction, multiplication, possession, movement, or release of any noxious weed or invasive plant regulated by said rule.

Policy Impact Area: *Ordinance Code*, invasive plant species and noxious weeds

Fiscal Impact: No cost to the City.

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