

KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
MAY 12, 2020 AT 5:00 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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II. SPECIAL SESSION

A. ROLL CALL

B. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

1. Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 697, amending Chapter 15, "Nuisances" by adding provisions regulating noxious and invasive plants
2. Discuss and take action as may be required regarding issues relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency

III. ADJOURNMENT

Pursuant to the March 16, 2020 Proclamation issued by Governor Abbott suspending various provisions of Chapter 551, VTCA, Government Code, the public may join this remote meeting of the City Council via videoconference and/or teleconference. The Mayor and Council will also be participating remotely in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and under provisions provided by the Governor in conjunction with the Declaration of Disaster enacted March 13, 2020. Virtual meetings are aimed at advancing social distancing by limiting in-person interaction to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you should have questions, please contact the City Secretary at 817-985-2104 or citysecretary@cityofkennedale.com.

CERTIFICATION

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE MAY 12, 2020 KENNEDALE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA WAS POSTED INSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF CITY HALL (405 MUNICIPAL DRIVE), IN A PLACE CONVENIENT AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES; AND THAT SAID AGENDA WAS POSTED AT LEAST SEVENTY-TWO (72) HOURS PRECEDING THE SCHEDULED TIME OF SAID MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.


LESLIE E. GALLOWAY, CITY SECRETARY

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POSTED _____ (DATE) _____ (TIME)

MEETING DATE: MAY 12, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEM II.B.1.

SUBJECT

Discuss and consider approval of Ordinance 697, amending Chapter 15, "Nuisances" by adding provisions regulating noxious and invasive plants

ORIGINATED BY

Melissa Dailey, Director of Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY

City staff have become aware of current and potential future issues related to plantings that can have a negative impact on surrounding neighbors. One of the most noxious and invasive plants is bamboo.

Bamboo's hardiness and rapid growth of root systems that grow horizontally make it a problematic plant for most yards and their neighbors. It will spread to the neighbor's yard very quickly and can completely take over the yard.

Bamboo that spreads and escapes a yard may cause ecological problems as well. Many spreading bamboo species are categorized as invasive exotic plants that crowd out native plants and threaten biodiversity. It can take years and significant effort to remove unwanted bamboo, and most often the bamboo shoots continue to sprout after being dug up. Significant chemical herbicides are often required as part of the process of elimination, which often end up in the drainage system.

Staff views bamboo and similar plantings as a nuisance and recommends including them in Chapter 15, "Nuisances", thereby not allowing them to be planted. The City Attorney is drafting an Ordinance that would accomplish as much, which will be provided to the Council for consideration before the meeting. Staff will be available to answer questions.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve

ATTACHMENTS

MEETING DATE: MAY 12, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION ITEM II.B.2.

SUBJECT

Discuss and take action as may be required regarding issues relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency

ORIGINATED BY

George Campbell, City Manager

SUMMARY

This item has been added to the agenda in the event there is a need. Any additional information will be provided before the meeting as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS