

12-30V

Rec'd 10/5/12 @ 2pm

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Tiffany L. Breske
10748 Flora St. NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Oct 5, 2012

#21-31-24-22-0041
\$150

Case # 12-30V

City Clerk of Coon Rapids
Long Grass & Weeds Citation-Written Objection

To Whom it May Concern:

On Aug 29, 2012, I returned home from work to see an administrative citation taped to the front window of my house. On the citation, it noted to remove the "buckthorn" growing under "play gym", along fence, some along garage...(See attached Citation). I was confused as to why I received the citation, what the rules were, who determines what is a weed or what is simply landscaping, and what exactly "buckthorn" was. I left some voicemails that evening on the number that was listed on the citation. The next morning, Leya returned my phone calls. After some discussion, and an apology on my behalf for cussing on the voicemail (due to my initial frustration regarding the citation), she kindly explained to me that I was being cited for buckthorn in my yard. She explained to me that this was determined to be a noxious weed by the University of Minnesota. I informed her that I would be happy to take care of this weed, but explained that I was not even aware of what this weed looked like. I also stated I may be filing an extension, but until I knew what exactly it was that I needed to get rid of, I couldn't accurately assess the amount of time this job would take me. She stated she would send me an email with a picture of my citation, which showed the actual weed in the picture that was taken in my yard, and also a picture of what buckthorn looked like, so I could accurately recognize the weed and get it removed. She also reminded me of the upcoming Labor Day Holiday and informed me that the office was closed, so if I planned on filing an extension, I'd have to keep that date in mind. See the attached Email dated 8/30 and Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

After receiving the email, I investigated my backyard later on that evening, and now knowing what I was looking for, I noticed to my dismay, exactly what weed I was being cited for. It was, in fact, all over my backyard, including on the side of my garage and under the play gym. This noxious weed must have been growing for many years prior to me closing on the house at the end of March 2012! I called up a friend, and asked him to come and help me remove this weed, as quite the job lay ahead of me. I explained to him that this had to be taken care of prior to Sep 5, 2012 or I had to file an extension or risk getting fined. He stated he was available on Saturday, Sep 1, 2012, and we made plans to remove this weed. This date is before the Sep 5, 2012 deadline; therefore, I did not need to file an extension.

On Sep 1, 2012, we removed all of the buckthorn on my property. I even found some the inspector did not find! I found additional buckthorn along my deck and also on the side of my house opposite my garage, which I also removed. Please see my attached pictures from Sep 1,

2012-Exhibits A, B, C, and D-which show my entire yard waste garbage bin full of buckthorn that we had removed from my yard that same day. I believe these pictures clearly show the amount of the buckthorn I removed to get my yard into compliance with my understanding of the citation.

I feel I put forth an excellent effort to make my property in compliance with being free and clear of this noxious weed within the allotted time specified, when this issue was brought to my attention. If the citation was by any means ambiguous, and the inspector had a different intent, which I have not yet resolved, I'd be happy to resolve any outstanding issues there may be on my property, provided a more clear explanation is conveyed.

To summarize, I do not feel I should not be penalized if the citation had a different intent, as I have clearly provided my pictorial evidence showing I resolved my understanding of the citation's intent (to include my subsequent correspondence with the City (Leya)).

I appreciate you taking the time to review my written obligation, and also for your consideration in this matter. I look forward to receiving a response regarding the decision. I will put forth my best effort to attend the hearing on Nov 1, 2012, but with being a single, working parent, nighttime child care may present a challenge. Should you have any questions regarding my objection, please contact me at 763- 8.

Sincerely,



Tiffany L. Breske

Attachments:

Citation
Email dated 8/30
Attachment 1
Attachment 2
Exhibit A
Exhibit B
Exhibit C
Exhibit D



COON RAPIDS Minnesota

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION Long Grass & Weeds

Property Posted: _____

Please cut WEEDS / BRUSH ALONG FENCE

10748 FLORA ST.

To: Owner/Occupant Address: Coon Rapids, MN

This is an Administrative Citation for long grass or weeds issued under Coon Rapids City Code Chapter 2-1100. An inspection was performed at your property, and it was determined that all or part of your property exceeded the height allowed through City Code. You are responsible to mow the front, back and side yards, including any boulevard areas. If you mow your grass before the Compliance Date listed below, the \$300 penalty will not be charged. If you appeal the citation before the Compliance Date listed, the penalty will be put on hold until the appeal is heard. If a second or subsequent Long Grass & Weeds Citation is issued within 180 days, even if you mow prior to the Compliance Date, a penalty of \$150 will be charged. If you don't mow your property, the full \$300 penalty will be charged.

On 8-29-12 at 9:20 AM/PM, the following violations of Coon Rapids City Code was found:

Compliance Date	City Code	City Code Summary	Penalty
89-5-12	8-502 & 8-503 Noxious Weeds and Growing Grass	Weeds and grass over eight (8) inches are a nuisance and must be mowed.	\$300.00

You have the right to appeal if you feel the Inspector has not interpreted the City Code correctly. Please refer to the attached/enclosed Administrative Citation Program brochure for more information on how to appeal this Citation. Also refer to the brochure for instructions on applying for an extension of the Compliance Date. You can view the full City Code online at www.coonrapidsmn.gov/citycode or you can obtain the City Code Section(s) at Coon Rapids City Hall at 11155 Robinson Dr NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Please note that if your property is not brought into compliance by the Compliance Date listed above, the City will mow your property. If the city mows your property, the penalty will be charged to the property taxes in the form of a Special Assessment.

If you are age 60 or over and need assistance with maintaining your yard, ACCAP Chores & More is available. The program does minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores such as mowing. They are done at a nominal suggested donation with subsidy for those of need. Call Ann at 763-767-6521, Monday - Thursday to obtain help.

Long Grass Inspector 763-951-7202

REMOVE "BUCK THORN" GROWING UNDER "PLAY GYM", ALONG FENCE, SOME ALONG GARAGE ...

Citation



Gmail

More

COMPOSE

The Funniest Tees - www.snorgtees.com - When did you last have a good cry? Laugh til you cry, hilarious tees!

Inbox (5,184)

Important

Sent Mail

Drafts (3)

Circles

Personal

Travel

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Search people...

Bekah Randall

Fazal Bari

jjdfultz

Joshua Fuchs

Nate Eberle

Shannon Breske

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Curtis, Aaron E US...

KinderCare/Knowl...

Sarah Fuchs

buckthorn photo

Inbox x

Leya Drabczak drabczak@coonrapidsmn.gov

to me

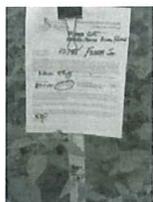
Aug 30

Here are the photos you requested. If you are appealing please submit the application before the compliance date. Our offices will be closed for Labc 3rd.

Sincerely,

Leya Drabczak

2 attachments — Download all attachments



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1866K View Share Download

(attachment 2)

BUCKTHORN.docx
43K View Download

(see attached printout, attachment 1)

Tiffany Breske tif

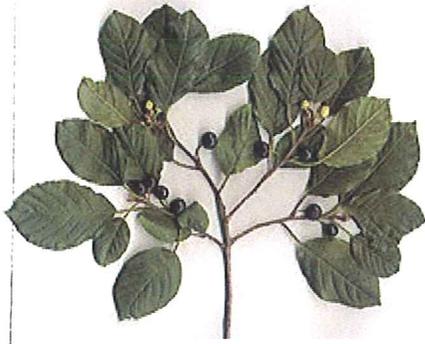
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Aug 30

to Leya

Thank you Leya for taking the time to call me back and also for sending the pictures so I can get this taken care of.

Email 8/30



BUCKTHORN



COON RAPIDS
Minnesota

ADMINISTRATIVE

PLEASE CALL
LIBRARY/BA

10748 F

To: Owner/Occupant
Address:
Coon Rapids, MN

This is an Administrative Citation for long grass or weeds issued under Coon Rapids Ordinance 8-502. An inspection was performed at your property, and it was determined that all or part of your property is not in compliance with the ordinance allowed through City Code. You are responsible to mow the front, back and side of your property. If you mow your grass before the Compliance Date listed below, the \$300 penalty will be put on hold until you bring your property into compliance before the Compliance Date listed, the penalty will be put on hold until a subsequent Long Grass & Weeds Citation is issued within 180 days, even if you mow your property, the full \$300 penalty of \$150 will be charged. If you do not mow your property, the full \$300 penalty will be charged.

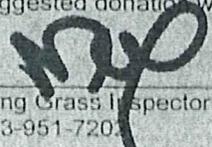
On 8-29-12 at 9:12 AM/PM, the following violations occurred:

Compliance Date	City Code	City Code Summary
<u>8-9-5-12</u>	<u>8-502 & 8-503 Noxious Weeds and Growing Grass</u>	Weeds and grass on property are a nuisance and

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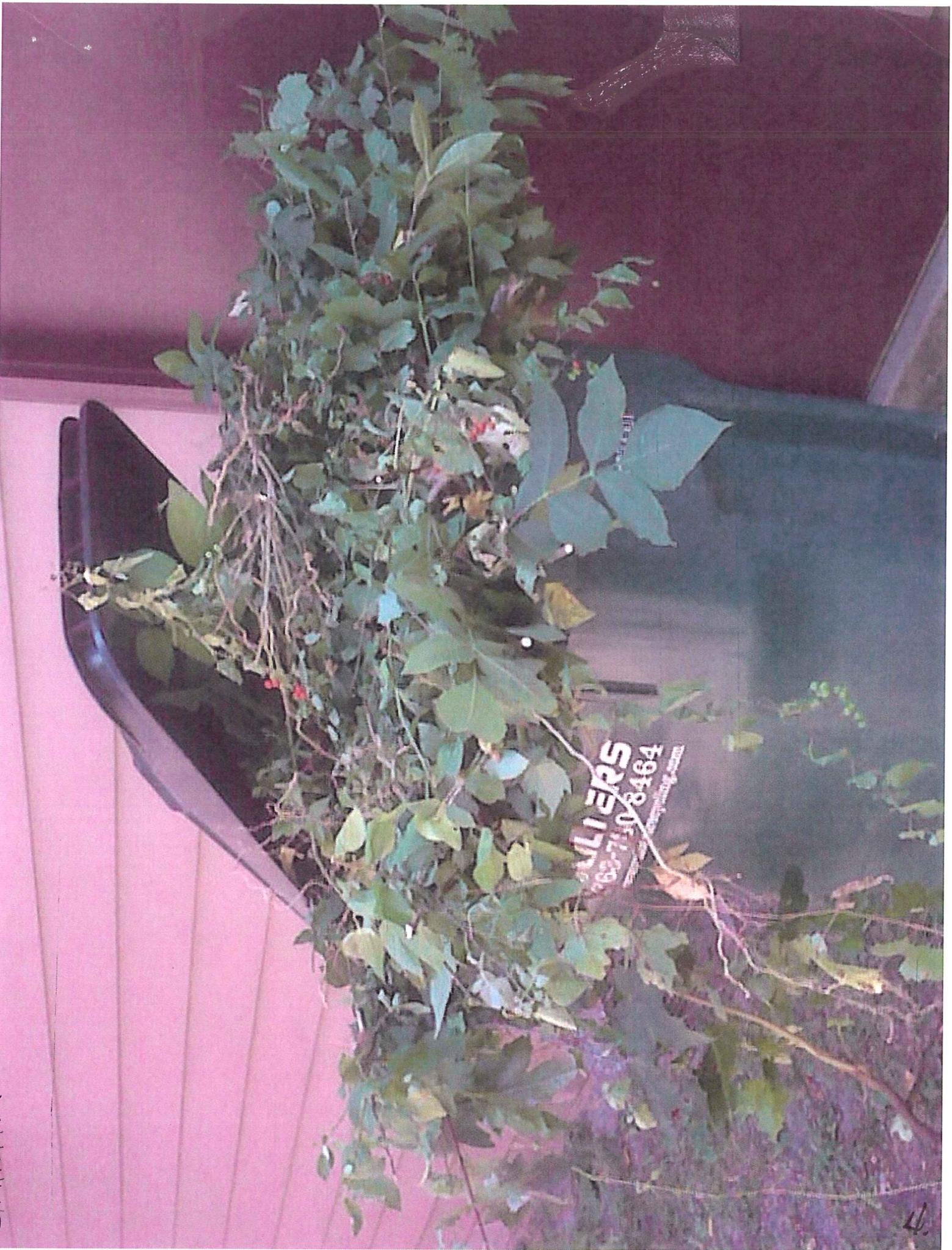
Please note that if your property is not brought into compliance by the Compliance Date, the city will mow your property. If the city mows your property, the penalty will be charged to the property owner's Assessment.

If you are age 60 or over and need assistance with maintaining your yard, ACCA (Area Council on Aging) has a program that does minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores such as mowing. Call Ann at 763-767-6521, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.


Long Grass Inspector
763-951-7201

Attachment 2

Exhibit A



4.

Exhibit B



Exhibit D

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION
Long Grass & Weeds

Plenty Cut
Weeds/Bushy Along Fence

10798 FURER ST.

Grass or weeds issued under Coon Rapids City Code Chapter 2-1105. An
and it was determined that all or part of your property exceeded the height
possible to mow the front, back and side yards, including any boulevard areas.
On Date listed below, the \$300 penalty will not be charged. If you appeal the
the penalty will be put on hold until the appeal is heard. If a second or
is issued within 180 days, even if you mow prior to the Compliance Date, a
from your property, the full \$300 penalty will be charged.

10 AM PM, the following violations of Coon Rapids City Code was found:

City Code Summary

Weeds and grass over eight (8) inches
are a nuisance and must be mowed.

Penalty
\$300.00

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Property Report

Report Date: 10/24/2012

PIN: 213124220041

CLOSED

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 10748 FLORA ST

Work Order #48836

Weeds / Long Grass

<u>Task Name</u>	<u>Projected Start</u>	<u>Actual Start</u>	<u>Assigned To</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
CITATION ISSUED INFORMATION SENT	6/20/12	6/20/12	CAMERER, CALVIN	Citation posted at property. Grass & weeds 8"+
CITATION REINSPECT COMPLIANCE	6/28/12	6/28/12	HINTZE, CINDY GAZELKA, MIKE DRABCZAK, LEYA	Courtesy letter sent. grass mowed

~ ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION INFORMATION ~

City Code 8-502 & 8-503 Noxious Weeds ar#20843 Inspection Date 6/20/12 Fine 300.00 Assigned By CAMERER, CALVIN Compliance Date & Instructions Citation Issued To

Files attached to this work order:

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Work Order #50255

Weeds / Long Grass

CLOSED

<u>Task Name</u>	<u>Projected Start</u>	<u>Actual Start</u>	<u>Assigned To</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
CITATION ISSUED INFORMATION SENT COMMUNICATE W OWNEF	8/29/12	8/29/12	GAZELKA, MIKE HINTZE, CINDY DRABCZAK, LEYA	Citation posted at property. Brush & weeds around perimeter of backyard 12-36". SECOND POSTING OF THE SEASON - MINIMUM \$150 APPLIES. Previously posted 6/20/12. Courtesy letter sent. owner called vmail 3 x and left offensive messages. Id returned call and forwarded her photos from her dwelling per her request. Id informed her that if she left any other offensive messages her calls would not be returned. Grass has been cut.
CITATION REINSPECT COMPLIANCE COMMUNICATE W OWNEF	9/6/12	9/6/12 10/11/12	GAZELKA, MIKE HINTZE, CINDY DEGRANDE, KRISTIN	Homeowner Tiffany called regarding pending assessment. She has photos of grass mow, had questions about process. Will submit an appeal.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 10748 FLORA ST

PIN: 213124220041
CLOSED

Weeds / Long Grass

~ ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION INFORMATION ~

<u>City Code</u>	<u>Inspection Date</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Inspected By</u>
8-502 & 8-503 Noxious Weeds am#21603 Growing Grass.	8/29/12	300.00	GAZELKA, MIKE

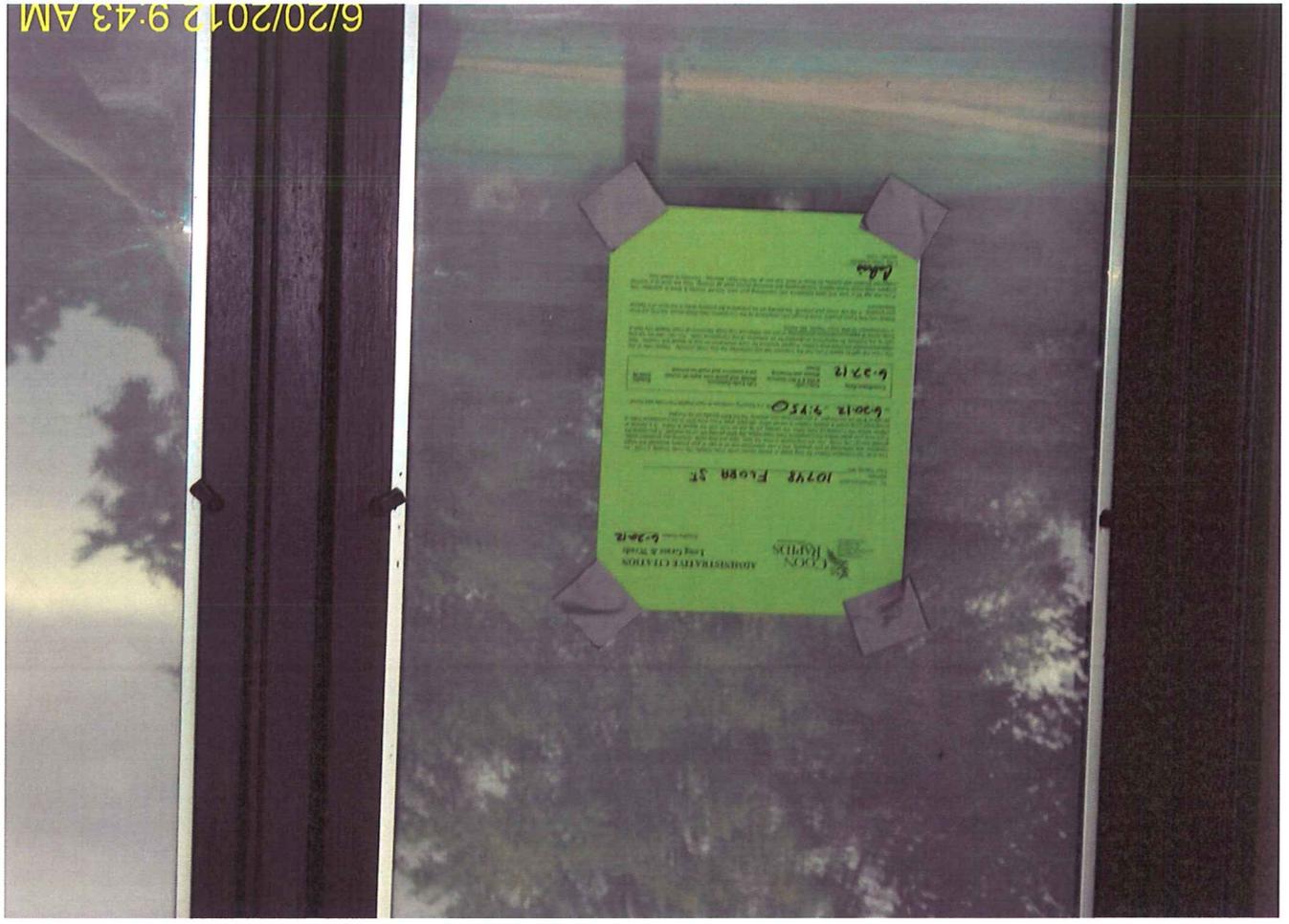
Citation Issued To

Compliance Date & Instructions

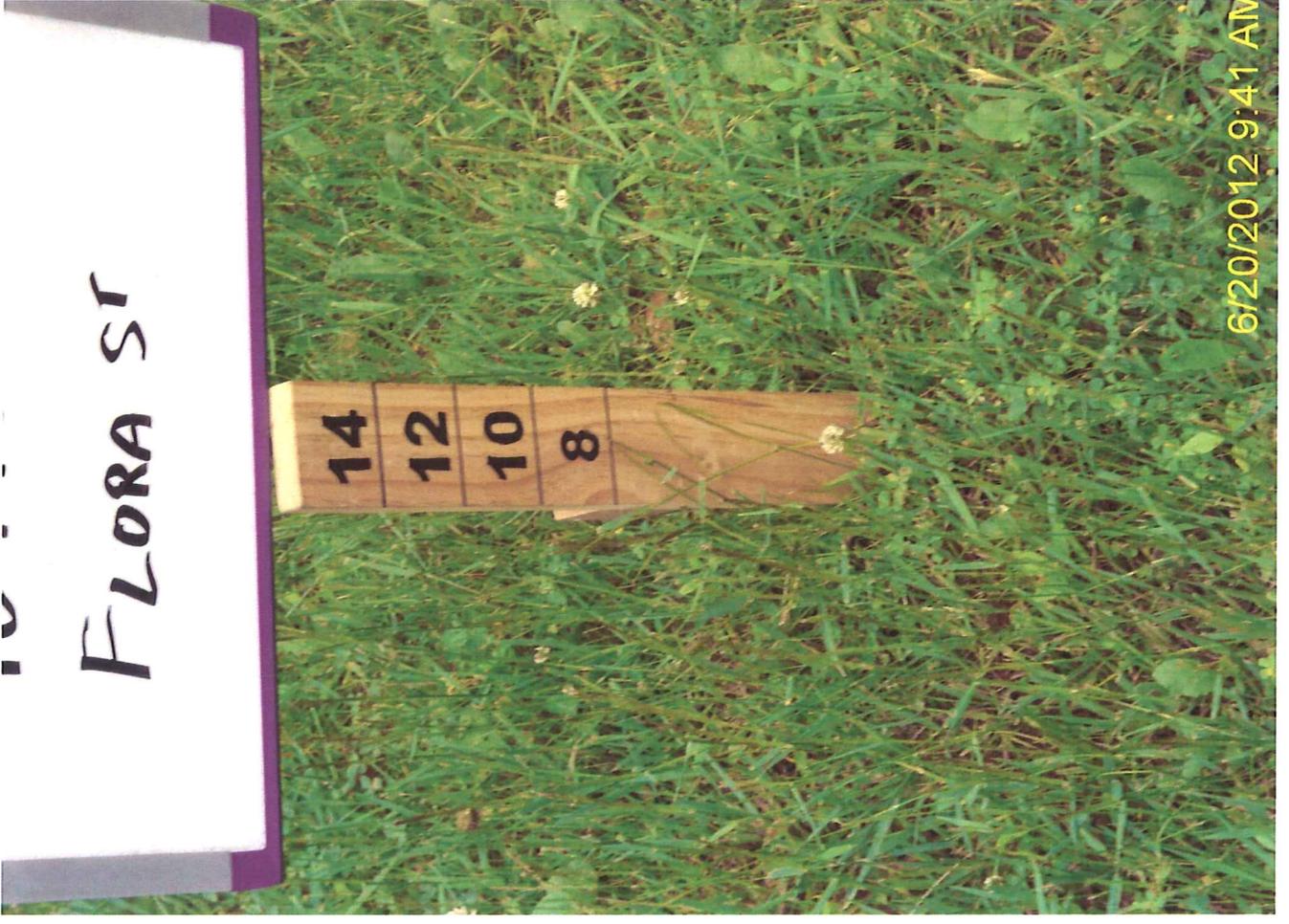
Files attached to this work order:

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End of Report for 10748 FLORA ST



6/20/2012 9:43 AM



6/20/2012 9:41 AM



ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION Long Grass & Weeds

Property Posted **6-20-12**

To: Owner/Occupant
Address **10748 FLORA ST.**
Coon Rapids, MN

This is an Administrative Citation for long grass or weeds issued under Coon Rapids City Code Chapter 2-1100. An inspection was performed at your property and it was determined that all or part of your property exceeded the height allowed through City Code. You are responsible to mow the front, back and side yards, including any boulevard areas, if you mow your grass before the Compliance Date listed below, the \$300 penalty will not be charged. If you appeal this citation before the Compliance Date listed, the penalty will be put on hold until the appeal is heard. If a second or subsequent Long Grass & Weeds Citation is issued within 180 days, even if you mow prior to the Compliance Date a penalty of \$150 will be charged. If you don't mow your property, the full \$300 penalty will be charged.

On **6-20-12** at **9:15 AM**, the following violations of Coon Rapids City Code was found:

Compliance Date	City Code 8-502 & 8-503 Noxious Weeds and Growing Grass	City Code Summary Weeds and grass over eight (8) inches are a nuisance and must be mowed.	Penalty \$300.00
6-27-12			

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Long Grass Inspector
763-951-7202

6/20/2012 9:43 AM



June 20, 2012

BRESKE TIFFANY
10748 FLORA ST NW
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Address: **10748 FLORA ST**
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Administrative Citation: **#48836**

PIN: 213124220041

Your property in Coon Rapids was recently posted with an Administrative Citation for long grass. In the City of Coon Rapids, grass and/or weeds cannot be taller than 8" in height. Anoka County Property Records identifies you as the taxpayer/property owner of 10748 FLORA ST, and for this reason, this letter is being sent to you to ensure you are aware of the long grass citation at your property. If your property is mowed by 06/27/2012, the \$300 penalty will not be charged.

For more information, please refer to the citation posted at your property or call 763-951-7202.

Long Grass Inspector
763-951-7202





8/29/2012 9:22 PM



COON RAPIDS

 Minnesota

ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

 Long Grass & Weeds

Party Posted: _____

10748 FURBER ST.

To: Owner/Occupant _____
 Address: _____
 Coon Rapids, MN _____

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On 8-29-12 at 9:22 AM, the following violations of Coon Rapids City Code was found:

Compliance Date	City Code	City Code Summary	Penalty
<u>8-9-5-12</u>	8-2-2 & 8-5-3 Weeds and Grass	Weeds and grass over eight (8) inches are a nuisance and must be mowed.	\$300.00

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Long Grass Inspector: **RYF**
 763-951-7202

REMOVE BUCK THORN UNDER PAV GRN! DONE FENCE, SOME AROUND GARAGE ...!

8/29/2012 9:26 PM



August 29, 2012

BRESKE TIFFANY
10748 FLORA ST NW
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Address: **10748 FLORA ST**
COON RAPIDS, MN 55433

Administrative Citation: **#50255**

PIN: 213124220041

Your property in Coon Rapids was recently posted with an Administrative Citation for long grass. In the City of Coon Rapids, grass and/or weeds cannot be taller than 8" in height. Anoka County Property Records identifies you as the taxpayer/property owner of 10748 FLORA ST, and for this reason, this letter is being sent to you to ensure you are aware of the long grass citation at your property. If your property is mowed by 09/05/2012, the \$300 penalty will not be charged.

For more information, please refer to the citation posted at your property or call 763-951-7202.

Long Grass Inspector
763-951-7202