

**ORDINANCE NO. 2790**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORSICANA, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 11, ARTICLE 11.200, SECTION 11.234(a)(1) OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO INCORPORATE REGULATIONS FOR BAMBOO.**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Texas, the City Council has conducted a public hearing for the purpose of considering the amendment to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Corsicana, Texas.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the City Council of the City of Corsicana, Texas, that Section 11.234(a)(1) of Chapter 11, Article 11.200 of the City Code of Ordinances is amended as follows (existing text is shown in regular print, new text is shown in italics):

(a)(1). It shall be unlawful for any owner, tenant, agent or occupant of any premises to permit any weeds, grass or other vegetation to grow or remain upon any premises owned or controlled by them, or either of them, so as to become unsightly or offensive or emit foul and noxious odors or become a breeding place for flies or insects or to become in any way injurious to the public health or welfare. In this instance, unsightly shall mean weeds, grass or other vegetation that has grown to a length of at least eight (8) inches over ten (10) percent of the area of that part of the lot, tract, or premises producing vegetation.

*Exception: Bamboo greater than eight inches in height shall be allowed to cover up to 20% of the lot. Bamboo shall not be allowed to grow or encroach upon neighboring properties and/or the right of way. Bamboo shall not be permitted to grow within the fifteen (15) feet clear vision triangle required at all street intersections.*

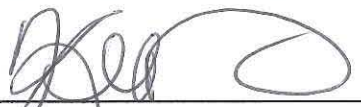
**PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this **24th** day of **March, 2014**.

  
Chuck McClanahan, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Virginia Richardson, City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Kerri Anderson Donica, City Attorney



**ITEM NO. 7B**

**Date:** March 24, 2014

**Subject:** Consider amending Chapter 11, Article 11.200, Section 11.234(a)(1) of the City Code of Ordinances to incorporate regulations for bamboo.

**Comments:** The existing tall grass and weeds ordinance does not specifically address bamboo. The proposal is to incorporate regulations which would allow bamboo to cover up to 20% of the lot area. Bamboo will not be permitted to grow or encroach upon neighboring properties and/or the right of way, nor in the required 15 feet clear vision triangle at street intersections. See proposed amendment highlighted below:

Chapter 11, Article 11.200, Section 11.234(a)(1)

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**Recommendation:** Consider the request.

**MOTION:**

**I MOVE TO APPROVE AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO INCORPORATE REGULATIONS FOR BAMBOO.**