



**IMPORTANT NOTICE: A \$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPEAL, WITHIN THE DEADLINE REFERENCED BY THE BILL.**

Checks should be made payable to: City of Milwaukee and a copy of the bill should be included with your appeal

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CUSTOMERS PAYING BY CHECK**

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account, or to process the payment as a check transaction.

**IF THE CHARGES HAVE ALREADY APPEARED ON YOUR TAX BILL, THIS APPEAL CANNOT BE FILED**

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

This Board may only determine if the City Department followed proper administrative procedures. It cannot hear appeals as to whether a Building Order is valid or not (those must be appealed to the Standards and Appeals Commission).

**TO:** Administrative Review Appeals Board  
City Hall, Rm. 205  
200 E. Wells St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 286-2231

**DATE:** OCTOBER 20, 2019

**RE:** 2501 WEST CAPITOL DRIVE  
(Address of property in question)

Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.

I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by DPW - OPERATIONS DIV  
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 493.52

Charge relative to: TOWN GRASS AND WEEDS

I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

PLEASE SEE MY ATTACHED COPY

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H. H. H. H.  
Signature

Hazel H. H.  
Name (please print)

2501 W. CAPITOL DR - 773-203-6765  
Mailing address and zip code Daytime phone number

**APPEAL NOTATION FOR TALL GRASS VIOLATION    RECORD ID: PWCF-19-17002**

Years ago I hired a local resident in the immediate area of 2501 West Capitol Drive to mow the lawn and he continues to do so, to this date. Normally when I am out of town he mows the lawn and monitors the grounds, since he lives close by.

I was out of town and called him to see if the grounds were okay. It was at this time that he related that he too was not in Milwaukee, but in Arkansas visiting his family. He also said that he would get another person to mow the lawn since he was away.

Unbeknownst to me this was not done; and I was not aware of the grass height. This was during the time when Milwaukee had numerous rainfalls back to back. When I returned I saw the grass and I immediately went to get a lawn mower. I returned to 2501 West Capitol Dr. with the lawn mower and when I pulled up there was two men in a truck with mowing equipment and a sign sitting in my driveway. I asked why they put a sign in my driveway and the reply was, so we can cut the grass I told them I'm here and have a lawn mower to cut my grass myself, but was not allowed to do so because the man they said they had orders from the city to cut it and was adamant about it, telling me I had been notified, as he continued to get his equipment from the truck I let him know I had not been aware of it. I felt intimidated and certainly was not going into a big scene with him standing out on the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and Capitol Drive.

I truly felt bad, since I had gone to get a lawn mower to cut the grass and now I'm not allowed the opportunity to do so. True enough, I am a senior citizen, but I could have cut that grass, willing and able, but not allowed the opportunity. They arrived just ahead of me and did not have their equipment out just the sign. I want you to know that this is the first time this has happened, and I would greatly – greatly appreciate it, if this 'tall-grass violation' could be waived. With a promise it will not happen again.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Hazel Hicks

2501 West Capitol Drive

Milwaukee, WI 53206



Department of Public Works - Operations Division  
Zeidler Municipal Building - 841 N. Broadway, Room 620 - Milwaukee, WI 53202  
TELEPHONE: 414-286-CITY (2489)

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September 17, 2019

HAZEL D HICKS  
2501 W CAPITOL DR  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53206-614

Record ID: **PWCF-19-17002**  
Violation: **Tall Grass and Weeds**  
Address: **2501 W CAPITOL DR**  
Taxkey: **2701205000**  
Notice Date: **08/22/2019**  
Amount Due: **\$493.52**

Re: 2501 W CAPITOL DR

Your property has been found in violation of City of Milwaukee Ordinance No. 80-17, states that no weeds of any kind shall be permitted to grow or stand more than 7 inches on any property in the city.

**\$493.52 is now due. Future violations of this ordinance will result in escalating fees.**

### Pay Online

(Credit /Debit Card or E-Check)

[milwaukee.gov/dpwpayment](http://milwaukee.gov/dpwpayment)

Enter the Record ID # found on the coupon below.

### Pay In Person

(Cash or Check only)

Present coupon below with payment during normal working hours:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER  
AT CITY HALL  
200 E WELLS ST

### Pay by Mail

(Check or Money Order only)

Send coupon below with check or money order to:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER  
200 E WELLS ST  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

If not paid within 30 days, an additional \$25 administrative fee will be incurred and added to your next property tax bill. If you fail to pay the full amount of your property tax bill, including the special assessments and charges, your property will be eligible for in rem tax foreclosure action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 75.521, Wisconsin State Statutes, or you may be subject to a personal civil action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 74.53, Wisconsin State Statutes.

To appeal these charges, print the appeal application available online at [milwaukee.gov/appealform](http://milwaukee.gov/appealform). You may also request an appeal application by calling (414) 286-CITY(2489). Return the appeal application along with the \$25 appeal filing fee to the Administrative Review Appeals Board, 200 E Wells St, Rm 205, **within 120 days** of the date of this letter.

By law, written notification to property owners/tenants in violation of this ordinance is not required. As a courtesy, a notice was posted on your property (unless that property is a vacant lot) for compliance. To sign up for email notifications of Forestry and Sanitation Services property violations; visit [milwaukee.gov/enotify](http://milwaukee.gov/enotify) and subscribe to location based service notifications.

If you have any questions regarding these charges, please contact the City of Milwaukee Call Center at (414) 286-CITY (2489). You can search for current charges against your property and pay online at [milwaukee.gov/lms](http://milwaukee.gov/lms).

Please detach and return with payment for City of Milwaukee DPW Tall Grass and Weeds Charge

A \$25 administrative fee will be added if not paid by: 10/17/2019

Bill To

HAZEL D HICKS  
2501 W CAPITOL DR  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53206-614

Record ID PWCF-19-17002

Amount Due \$493.52

### City of Milwaukee

Make Checks  
Payable To

Office of the City of Treasurer  
PO Box 514062  
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3462

Mail To

In person payments can be made at:  
Office of the City of the Treasurer  
City Hall, Room 103  
200 E Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53203

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## Receipt of A.R.A.B. Appeal Fee

Date:	10/23/19
Received Of:	Hazel D Hicks
Property at:	2501 W. Capitol Dr.
Received By:	CL
Check # (If Applicable):	4089
Amount Received	\$25

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