

# CITY OF RAPID CITY

## RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701-5035

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### COMMUNITY RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

#### HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

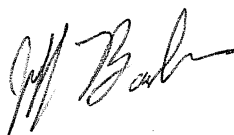
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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance Committee  
FROM: Jeff Barbier, Community Resources Director  
DATE: September 14, 2011  
RE: Code Enforcement Initial Notice for Grass and Debris



The Code Enforcement Division of the Community Resources Department requests that the Rapid City Common Council change current municipal code regarding initial notices of violations for prohibited grass and debris. These violations, and notices thereof, are covered by Title 8: Health and Safety of the Rapid City Municipal Code.

The City is required to provide notice before abatement of a property. It is requested that initial notices for both types of violations be reduced to five (5) days. The current initial notice of violation for grass is ten (10) days and a violation for debris is fifteen (15) days before abatement.

The shorter time between the initial notice and possible abatement would allow potentially dangerous or unsightly properties to be brought into compliance more quickly. It would also be more practical in application if the lengths of these notices were synchronized to five (5) days as properties are often in violation of both simultaneously.



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