

**Diane Voss**

PKts. 8-28-2020

**From:** David Martin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Diane Voss  
**Subject:** FW: Ragweed

Diane,

Can you please add this to the disposition list for September 8?

Thanks,  
David

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**From:** Steve Schainker <steve.schainker@cityofames.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 11:23 AM  
**To:** Tim Gartin <tim.gartin@amescitycouncil.org>; Brigitta Malczovich <brigittamalczovich@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** RE: Ragweed

Hi Brigitta!

I am very sorry that you and your family are having a tough time during this season of the year. As a person who grew up trying to survive with asthma in a part of the country infamous with high pollen counts, I know how miserable this can be!

It appears that you have written to all of the Council members about your request, which is an important first step. The next step will be for one of the Council members to ask that your request be referred to the staff for memo clarifying the issues. If there is not four votes to consider your request, no further action will be taken on it. However, if a memo is requested, and after it is provided to the Council, the final step would be to place this issue on a future City Council meeting agenda for formal consideration whether or not to make the change you have requested.

I hope this clarifies how your request could be handled. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 239-5101. We should know by August 26<sup>th</sup> whether or not there is any Council support to consider your request.

Steve

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**From:** Tim Gartin <tim.gartin@amescitycouncil.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 10:32 AM  
**To:** Brigitta Malczovich <brigittamalczovich@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Steve Schainker <steve.schainker@cityofames.org>  
**Subject:** Re: Ragweed

Thank you Brigitta. I'm sure someone from staff will get back with you as to the criteria for what constitutes a noxious weed.

Tim

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**From:** Brigitta Malczovich <[brigittamalczovich@gmail.com](mailto:brigittamalczovich@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** City Council and Mayor <[mayorcouncil@amescitycouncil.org](mailto:mayorcouncil@amescitycouncil.org)>; Craig Mack <[mackxray@msn.com](mailto:mackxray@msn.com)>  
**Subject:** Ragweed

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Dear City Council members,

Please change city code and ADD all ragweed types (latin name differs of type, one we have in Ames I beleive is ambrosia artemisiifolia) to noxious weed list ASAP.

My family is very allergic to it. I have a friend who can't breath if he accidentally touches one.  
It's that time of the year when tons of seeds are developing and will spread crazyly. They need to be pulled our from the soil and needs to be disposed of right way. Lots of people are not aware of how the plant looks like so it needs to be brought to the public attention.

<https://plants.usda.gov/core/profile?symbol=AMAR2>

<https://plants.usda.gov/java/noxiousDriver#federal>

Lots of other states have this weed on their noxious weed list, such as California, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan and others.

Thank you,

Brigitta Malczovich

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