

# The Cutting edge

**Residents Are Asked  
To Help Improve The  
Safety And Appearance Of The  
Roadside By Mowing And Edging  
Their Property Regularly**



SINCE 1969, property owners have been responsible for mowing their entire lot, including any right-of-ways or easements, and any grass between a back fence and the street, or a side fence and the street—before it is higher than 12 inches. This City ordinance has been in place for more than 40 years.

## **CONFUSED?**

For years, city employees had a hard time saying “no” when asked if they could mow these spaces. In our current budget environment, however, we can no longer mow any property that is the responsibility of the property owner. With more than 24,000 properties in Victoria, we no longer have the staff or resources to maintain these areas.

## **CITY / CITIZEN PARTNERSHIP**

Most residents are already mowing and edging to their property boundary line. To those of you who are doing your part to keep our city streets safe and attractive, we thank you.

The City will continue to mow all of its property holdings, flood buy-out properties, all City major drainage ditches such as Lone Tree Creek and TXDOT rights-of-way.

Tall grass can be hazardous to school-children and other pedestrians and to individuals using public transportation because it:

- **Limits motorists' vision**
- **Harbors mosquitoes, rodents, and snakes**
- **Hides broken glass, and other sharp objects**

If you have any questions about mowing your property or about the actual ordinance, call Development Services at 485-3360.

