

Right-of-Way Policy

The following is the City of Leeds' policy on the mowing of grass in City right-of-ways.

1. Generally, the City has a right-of-way abutting each City street, and it is that right-of-way that allows the City certain access to property for a variety of matters, including street maintenance and repair and garbage pick-up. The property on which the City has a right-of-way is not generally owned by the City, but, instead is property owned by the landowner subject to the City's right to use it for public purposes. Right-of-ways similar to the City's right-of-ways exist for your power, water, and sewer lines.
2. At some point in the past, the City of Leeds began mowing the City's right-of-ways. As time has passed, the burden on City employees to mow these right-of-ways has increased such that City employees are being taken away from other pressing and important duties such as road repairs, grass maintenance on City-owned property, Cemetery duty, and limb and debris removal.
3. Accordingly, it is hereby the policy of the City of Leeds that it will not mow City right-of-ways. Instead, property owners who either own or abut the City's right-of-way must mow the City right-of-way.
4. The City will continue to mow drainage ditches, drainage ways, City-owned property, City Parks and the Cemetery. The City will continue to maintain right-of-ways which require special equipment to cut or which are not safe to be cut by the property owner.
5. **The City will use Weed Abatement statutes in order to enforce this policy. As per Attorney General Opinion No. 2003-093, a copy of which is attached, Alabama Code § 11-67-60 *et seq.* can be utilized to abate any weeds in the City right-of-way that are declared to be a nuisance. Alabama Code § 11-67-60 *et seq.* allows the City to abate such weeds and to require the Tax Collector to place the cost of such abatement on the ad valorem tax bill for that property.**