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7.010 Background

(A) Linn County acquires various parcels of property through tax foreclosure, including properties within the city limits of incorporated cities of Linn County. Linn County holds those properties for the benefit of all the taxing districts of the County, and most such properties will be eventually sold, conveyed to other governmental bodies, or held for future public use.

(B) Some of those properties have grass, berry vines, or other vegetation growing on them, which may be in violation of the city ordinance of the city in which the property is located. Those city ordinances commonly provide that if the property owner does not mow the grass or other

vegetation that the city will do so with its own work force or by private contractor, and place the cost of that service as a lien against the property.

(C) It is uneconomical for the County to remove or mow grass and vegetation with its own crews, or to contract with private vendors for the service. It is more economical and expeditious to allow the city involved to provide the service, and place a lien for the cost of the service against the property, to be cleared at the time of ultimate sale of the property.

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7.100 Policy

(A) As to real property acquired by Linn County through tax foreclosure proceedings, within cities, which are not being held specifically for future public use, it is the policy of Linn County to allow the city in which the property is located to control vegetation that violates city ordinance, by use of the city's own work force or its contractors.

(B) The cost of such service will become a lien on the property, and paid from the proceeds of sale, when such properties are sold by the County.

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