

**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**April 10, 2020**

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**SUBJECT: 2020 MOWING SCHEDULE**

This Informal Report is in response to questions asked by the City Council about mowing status for properties the Park and Recreation Department is responsible for maintaining.

On March 3, 2020, Informal Report No. 10375, "Mowing Contracts 2020," was provided to the City Council. The document included information on the mowing service improvements for the 2020 mowing season. On March 19, 2020, City Council authorized contracts with multiple vendors to provide mowing services. Contracts are being finalized at this time along with the purchasing requirements, with an anticipated start date for contractors on Monday, April 13, 2020.

Listed below is the planned 2020 mowing inventory and frequency level:

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b># UNITS</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN</b>
Parks	291	14/21 days	Contract and park staff
Traffic dividers	275	14 days	Contract
Rights-of-way	501	14 days	Contract
Corner clips	149	14 days	Contract
City facilities	44	14 days	Contract and park staff
Round-a-bouts	23	14 days	Contract

In the interim, hot spot mowing contractors and PARD staff are maintaining areas as needed and as time allows. Areas include the following:

- Rights-of-way: Southwest and Northeast Regions
- Traffic dividers: West and South Districts
- Other areas: corner clips (traffic intersections), select city facilities and parks

The table below shows current inventory status as of April 7, 2020. Green rows indicate inventory is on schedule and yellow indicates the areas being maintained by staff and hot spot contractors until new contracts are finalized.

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>CONTRACTOR</b>	<b>STATUS</b>	<b>CURRENT CYCLES: (DAYS BETWEEN MOWs)</b>
Parks - East District (ED), South District (SD) & West District (WD)	Contracts in Place	Up to date	14
Planting Beds at Will Rogers Memorial Center, Hazel Harvey Peace Center and Business Assistance Center	Contracts in Place	Up to date	14
Some Police Stations and City Facilities	Contracts in Place	Up to date	14
Traffic Dividers - ND and ED	Contracts in Place	Up to date	14
Central District	Contracts in Place	Up to date	14

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Traffic Dividers (South & West Districts)	Contracts in Place	Waiting on PO	14
Rights of Way (ROWs) Southwest (SW) & Northeast (NE) Regions	Contracts Routing	Processing	14
North District (ND) Parks	Contracts in Place	Waiting on PO	14
City Facilities and Lots (Nature Center etc.)	Contracts in Place	Waiting on PO	14
Corner Clips (CC)	Contracts in Place	Waiting on PO	14

The mild winter Fort Worth experienced resulted in an exceptionally short dormancy period for vegetation causing the 2020 mowing season to begin in mid-January. Since that time, the weather continues to provide excellent growing conditions for fast vegetation growth, including a record eleven consecutive days of rain followed by unseasonable warm temperatures.

If additional information is needed, please contact David Creek, Acting Director, at [david.creek@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:david.creek@fortworthtexas.gov).

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