



CITY OF LE SUEUR
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Joe Roby, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Appointment of 2026 Assistant Weed Inspector
DATE: For the City Council Meeting of Monday, January 5th, 2026

PURPOSE

Appoint an Assistant Weed Inspector for the City of Le Sueur.

SUMMARY

Minnesota Noxious Weed Law dictates that the mayor of each Minnesota city shall become the designated local weed inspector for their political subdivision when they take their oath of office. The role of the local weed inspector (LWI) is to enforce the state's Noxious Weed Law, with duties spelled out in Minnesota State Statute 18.81. Specifically:

M.S. 18.81. Subdivision 2. Local weed inspectors. Local weed inspectors shall:

- (1) examine all lands, including highways, roads, alleys, and public ground in the territory over which their jurisdiction extends to ascertain if section 18.78 and related rules have been complied with;*
- (2) see that the control or eradication of noxious weeds is carried out in accordance with section 18.83 and related rules; and*
- (3) issue permits in accordance with section 18.82 and related rules for the transportation of materials or equipment infested with noxious weed propagating parts.*

Furthermore, Minnesota law allows a municipality to appoint one or more assistants to act on behalf of the mayor as a weed inspector for the municipality. Given the scope and experience of the City's Public Works & Facilities Department, the Council has previously appointed the Public Works & Facilities Manager to serve as Assistant Weed Inspector.

ACTION REQUESTED

The City Administrator is recommending the appointment of Public Works Manager Joel Schmidt and/or his delegate(s) as the City of Le Sueur Assistant Weed Inspector for 2026.

Alternate Actions:

- No action / Denial: Assistant Weed Inspector will not be named at this time unless otherwise directed by City Council.
- Modification of Recommendation: This is always an option for City Council.