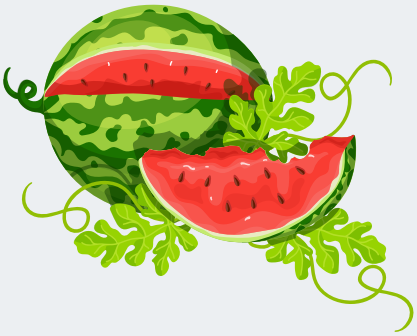
THE ATKINS VINE

August 2026



COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST CITY WITH NUISANCE ABATEMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT

In July, the City entered into an Agreement with the East Central Iowa Council of Governments to assist the City with code enforcement, as it relates to nuisance abatements. The City does contract for law enforcement with the Benton County Sheriff's Office; however, these are tasks that the Sheriff's office, not unlike many others, do not wish to be involved with in terms of code enforcement.

ECICOG provides this service across its region, which includes Benton, Iowa, Johnson, Jones, Linn, and Washington counties. Nuisance abatement tasks involve items like junk or abandoned vehicles and trash, for example. The City will still be responsible for enforcement of matters related to tall grass and weeds.

It is anticipated that ECICOG will spend about 6 hours a month on this work for the City. The City of Monticello and others utilize ECICOG for these services and it has proven very effective. ECICOG's first month will be in September 2026.

The intent of the program is not at all to be heavy-handed in approach; rather just to improve the health, safety, and quality of life for the residents of the Community.

The publics cooperation in helping to keep Atkins as an attractive community in which to live in is greatly appreciated.



Mayor:
Brian Cruise

City Council:
Trevor Dursky
Kevin DeMeulenaere
Bob Stolen
Jeremy Rolando
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City Administrator:
Scott Flory

UPCOMING DATES

City Council Meetings
- August 11
- August 25

Sunday Social Market
- August 2
- August 16
- August 30

Music on Main
- August 22

Watermelon Days
- August 7-8

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