

CITY OF COLUMBUS

ORDINANCE _____ - ____

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE SECTION 18-578
OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

The Common Council of the City of Columbus, Columbia County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 18-578 (b). *General requirements.* Except as provided in subsection (c) below, the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel in the city which is five acres or less in area shall install and maintain landscaping, plantings and other decorative surface treatments, including turf grass, so as to present an attractive appearance in all court and yard areas in accordance with generally accepted landscaping practices in south central Wisconsin. Lawns shall be maintained to a height not to exceed ~~12~~ 8 inches. Plantings shall be maintained so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on public ways and shall be maintained so as to enhance the appearance and value of the property on which located and thereby the appearance and value of the neighborhood and the city.

Section 18-578 (c) *Natural law exception—Registration and fee.* Any owner or occupant of a lot or parcel subject to subsection (b) above and desiring a natural lawn may register with the city clerk for a natural lawn as defined in subsection (a)(2) above where grasses and foliage exceed ~~12~~ 8 inches in height provided that such plantings meet the requirements of this subsection. Applications for registered natural lawns shall be available from the office of the city clerk and the fee for a registered natural lawn will be set by the City of Columbus Common Council.

1. **Severability.** If any portion of this Ordinance or its application on any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any other provision herein or its application shall not be affected.
3. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and posting as required by law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025.

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By: _____
Joseph Hammer, Mayor

By: _____
Susan L. Caine, Clerk