



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: City Council

Meeting Date: July 1, 2025

Item Title: Consideration and review of Property Maintenance Ordinance

Submitted By: Mike Kornmann, Director of Community and Economic Development

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The City Council referred this back to Plan Commission because they primarily did not like the exception over five acres and having the City not needing to comply with parks being over five acres.

The requirement of mowing lawns is intending to meet a goal of an attractive community and protect property values. However, there is a need for exceptions. Natural areas provide different beauty and recreational benefits. Especially on larger parcels, natural areas that have a combination of trees, shrubs, and grasses are present on larger parcels. These types of areas also provide habitat for wildlife.

The attached draft requires all properties to maintain lawns no higher than 8 inches. It allows for registering of natural lawns and register natural areas. The City will need to meet the 8-inch height maximum in all City parks. The Public Works Department Head says mowing will not be an issue. There are also a few exceptions related to environmentally sensitive areas and ag properties.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

- Property maintenance ordinance revision with changes.
- Ordinance 803-25: An Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate certain provisions of Sec. 18-578 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning Property Maintenance

Action Requested: Approve Ordinance 803-25