

## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 3, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Chapter 52 – Grass Mowing Revisions

## **DISCUSSION:**

As we have been working through looking at options to gain additional compliance with mowing regulations, we started looking at fees charged for this and how we could modify those to incentivize compliance but also be sure to cover actual costs incurred if we move to performing these services via a mowing contract rather than via Parks Personnel.

We are proposing the attached revision to this Chapter to increase fees charged from the current \$200 to a base cost of \$175 and an administrative fee of \$75 (total of \$250). In addition, we have added language to allow for the recovery of costs related to contract mowing.

As we talked through this item with the City Attorney related to some other items, we felt modifications to this are necessary to be sure we can collect the fees / etc., and that we comply with lowa laws.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.