



Town of Johnstown

TOWN COUNCIL WORKSESSION COMMUNICATION

AGENDA DATE: August 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Clover Lawns in the Community

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Email Correspondence
2. Information Regarding Clover Lawns from the Internet

PRESENTED BY: Matt LeCerf, Town Manager

WORKSESSION ITEM DESCRIPTION:

Town Staff has received an inquiry from a resident asking if clover lawns are permitted in the Town. The individual making the inquiry offers many benefits in their email regarding the value of clover lawns and additionally suggests that they should be taken off the weed list. Some of the benefits include: they are more drought resistant (requiring less water/irrigation), similar in durability to grass, and they are easy to establish. They also have items that may be perceived as negative based on individual preferences such as attracting bees and rabbits to the locations where clovers are established. The Town contacted Weld County Weed Management offices to inquire as to whether they consider clovers to be a weed and they do not. The only potential issue is that the neighbor may consider it a nuisance or a weed based on its general appearance. The Town's code does not identify weed types specifically and clovers was not located on the list of the Colorado Noxious Weeds Act species list.

This topic may not require any code modification unless Town Council wants to explicitly prohibit clover gardens or clover lawns. Town Staff is looking for a general opinion as to whether the Town Council considers a clover a weed, which would provide some guidance on if they were permissible or not and consequently allow us to determine if code amendments are necessary.

Reviewed and Approved for Presentation,

Town Manager

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