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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To: Common Council
From: Joe Stephenson, Planning and Community Development Director
Date: 11/30/2022
Re: Landscape Ordinance

Presented today is an Ordinance that would require minimum amounts of landscaping for newly constructed buildings on multi-family, industrial, institutional, and commercial uses. Currently the City of Kaukauna does not have any landscape minimums and instead relies on restrictive covenants. The covenants are only located in certain portions of the city and can vary widely based on location. This landscape ordinance is meant to create universal minimum standards based on the type of use and create a welcoming, aesthetically pleasing community throughout the city.

Summary of landscape requirements:

1. A landscape plan is required for all site plan submittals.
2. Landscaping must be maintained, and dead plantings replaced.
3. Trees and shrubs will be required based on linear foot of street frontage and linear foot of building street frontage.
4. Example: a 40'x40 building built on a 100' wide lot = 1 tree and 8 shrubs must be planted within the front of the building. Clusters of flowers/decorative grasses can be substituted for shrubs.
5. Due to the zero-setback nature of the commercial core, planters and plantings within the public right of way may count towards these requirements.
6. Mechanical equipment shall be screen from the road.
7. Vision control and easements shall be taken into consideration when planting.