



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Ilya Gutman
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Category:	CONSENT AGENDA
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	86-247 Landscaping, 86-1 Definitions, 82-1 Grass And Weeds On Private Property – Introduction of Ordinance
Background Information:	<p>This change adds a concept of pollinator gardens that has been recently approved by the Council. To be consistent with general structure of the Zoning Ordinance, the pollinator garden definition is added to Section 86-1 Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. The proposed Ordinance treats vegetable, flower, and pollinator gardens in a similar manner, removing practically all limitations on their placements. To help alleviate neighbors’ concerns, a 5-ft. setback from property lines is required for all gardens.</p> <p>Changes to Section 82-1 are proposed as necessary to coordinate with other pollinator garden related sections.</p> <p>These changes were presented to the L&O committee on 9/19/23 and were recommend for approval.</p> <p>The changes have been also presented at the Planning Commission regular meeting on 10/11/23. Planning Commission members had some concerns about the upkeep of the gardens, the type of flowers and vegetables that would be planted, and gardens invading additional areas. Planning Commission recommended limiting gardens in the front yard to 25 percent of the front yard area (the additional text to reflect this recommendation is highlighted in the proposed ordinance).</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None
Alternative/ Variations:	Introduce the Ordinance amending Section 82-1 Grass And Weeds On Private Property, Section 86-1 Definitions adding a pollinator garden definition, and Section 86-247 Landscaping, and then call for public hearing on November 14, 2023.
Recommendations:	Planning Commission recommends that the Council introduces the Ordinance amending Section 82-1 Grass And Weeds On Private Property, Section 86-1 Definitions adding a pollinator garden definition, and Section 86-247 Landscaping, but with an added limit of 25 percent of the front yard area permitted for gardens, and then call for public hearing on November 14, 2023.