



**CITY OF MARSHALL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT
L&O 9/19/23**

Presenter:	Ilya Gutman
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, September 19, 2023
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	86-247 Landscaping, 86-1 Definitions
Background Information:	<p>This section adds a concept of pollinator gardens that has been recently approved by the Council. It has been discussed at the L&O meeting in June and staff was given directions to consider relaxing requirements for such gardens. To be consistent with general structure of the Zoning Ordinance, the pollinator garden definition was moved to Section 86-1 Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance (this definition was created in cooperation with Amanda Beckler from the Community Services department). This new version now treats vegetable, flower, and pollinator gardens in a similar manner, allowing them now in front yards with no limitation on their sizes; vegetable gardens on vacant lots may be permitted only by an interim use permit. To alleviate neighbors' concerns, a setback from property lines is required for all gardens. A proposed requirement for a sign is intended as a teaching tool for neighbors to reduce complaints.</p> <p>This change has not been presented at the Planning Commission yet.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None
Alternative/ Variations:	As suggested by the L&O members
Recommendations:	Staff recommends the recommendation to the City Council approving the revisions amending Section 86-247 Landscaping.