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AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 220.010(B)(10) AND 500.830(B)(4) OF THE BRENTWOOD CITY CODE RELATING TO HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS ABOVE SEVEN INCHES TO PROMOTE "LOW MOW APRIL" IN SUPPORT OF POLLINATORS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

WHEREAS, the City of Brentwood recognizes that April is a critical month for emergent pollinator populations which are supported by new growth and development of grasses, flowers and trees; and mowing during this period has an negative impact on pollinator-friendly habitat; and

WHEREAS, The Sustainability Commission is promoting a "Low Mow April" requesting that residents limit the mowing to every two weeks, with the mower set on maximum height, to preserve flowering capabilities for pollinators; and

WHEREAS, Sections 220.010(B)(10) and 500.830(B)(4) of the Brentwood City Code limit the height of grass, brush and weeds to no more than seven (7) inches in height; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brentwood finds it in the public interest to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and sustainable healthy community environment through the implementation of initiatives to help increase the pollinator population by promoting a "Low Mow April" in 2024 which encourages the growth of beneficial natural habitats for pollinators by allow all citizens to voluntarily postpone the mowing of emergent lawns;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Brentwood personnel are authorized to temporarily suspend enforcement of Sections 220.010(B)(10) and 500.830(B)(4) of the Brentwood City Code relating to weeds or plant growth in excess of seven (7) inches from April 1 through April 30th, 2024, for a "Low Mow April" pilot program.

Section 2. The City’s Parks and Recreation Department is also authorized to limit the mowing during the month of April to allow for the establishment and growth of natural habitats for pollinators, with the exception of any active recreation spaces.


SECTION 3. The Director of Planning and Development and the Director of Parks and Recreation shall be charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.



David A. Dimmitt, Mayor


ATTEST:


Kelle Silvey, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024.



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1st Reading: March 4, 2024
2nd Reading: March 4, 2024

