

SUBJECT MATTER: ADDING AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE PLANTING AND MAINTIANING OF VEGETATION ON RIGHT-OF-WAYS OWNED BY THE CITY AND ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the governing board of the City of Versailles to provide for the regulation and registration of the planting and maintaining of certain vegetations on right-of-ways owned by the City of Versailles.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF VERSAILLES, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The following ordinance, titled Section 215.115 – **Vegetation on City Right-of-Ways**, is hereby added to the City Code for the City of Versailles and shall read as follows:

Section 215.115 – Vegetation on City Right-of-Ways.

- a. No person shall plant any tree, shrub, or other vegetation other than traditional grasses on any right-of-way owned by the City.
- b. Any tree or shrub or other vegetation existing at the date of passage of this section shall remain in place unless it is determined by the City that the tree, shrub, or other vegetation presently does, or at maturity will, obstruct vision clearance, interfere with utilities, traffic control devices or signs, or otherwise present a danger to the safety and/or welfare of the public. In such an event, the City shall have authority to trim, prune, or remove such trees, shrub, or other vegetation.
- c. Any person convicted of a violation of Section 215.115 shall be subject to a fine, if combined with the amount of court costs, totaling not more than \$200.00 for the first violation. If multiple violations are committed within a twelve-month period, not more than \$275.00 for the second violation, not more than \$350.00 for the third violation, and not more than \$450.00 for the fourth violation and any subsequent violation.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage.

After copies of the foregoing were made available for public inspection prior to the time it was under consideration by the Board of Aldermen, the foregoing was:

- introduced to the Board of Aldermen in writing,
- read two times at this single meeting of the Board of Aldermen,
- and each time passed by the following vote:

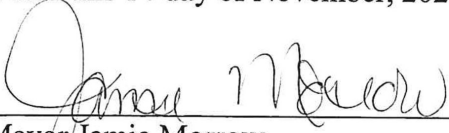
Pryor yea _____ nay

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Dated this 14 day of November, 2023



Mayor Jamie Morrow

ATTEST: 

City Clerk