



The City of *Saline*

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Memorandum

From: City Manager Colleen O'Toole

Date: April 17, 2023

Subject: 23-100 No Mow May Resolution

Background Brief: As part of the City's commitment to environmental stewardship, the following resolution considers adoption of "No Mow May". This resolution would temporarily ease the restrictions on law heights during the early spring to benefit local pollinator populations and encourage property owners to consider incorporation of native and pollinator friendly landscaping. Municipal support for reduced mowing during the spring season and "No Mow May" in particular has grown steadily since the concept was introduced in the UK in 2019. Several Michigan communities are among those that participate including Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, Albion, Jackson, and East Lansing. The City of Detroit has not passed an official resolution but has stated they will consider cancelling fees for any property owners cited during the month of May who are participating in the activity. The City of Jackson differs from other communities by only extending the waiver to the rear yard of a property. The City may wish to consider whether to extend the waiver to the full property, just the rear yard, or the rear and side yard. The draft resolution can be amended from the floor to accommodate any of those options.

Opponents of this measure note that easing grass height restrictions may result in increased complaints and strained relations among neighbors.

Most participating communities follow the model adopted by Bee City USA. More information is available through their website at <https://beecityusa.org/no-mow-may/>.

Previous Action: N/A

Economic Impact: N/A

Budget Line Items: N/A

Amendment Required: N/A

Recommended Motion:
MOVED

SECONDED

To **acknowledge** receipt of the memo from City Manager O'Toole.

ATTACHMENTS:

No Mow May - Draft Resolution