

DATE: March 13, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Dave Perrault, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution 2023-012 Approving No Mow May

Budgeted Amount: Funding Source:

N/A N/A

Council Should Consider

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

• Resolution 2023-012 Approving No Mow May

Discussion

At the February work session, the City Council discussed No Mow May and directed Staff to move forward with bringing forward a resolution for approval that would allow residences and businesses the opportunity to participate. No Mow May is an effort to help protect pollinators during the spring season. Below is a blurb from Bee City USA.

Why mow less in the spring?

The start of the growing season is a critical time for hungry, newly emerging native bees. Floral resources may be hard to find, especially in urban and suburban landscapes. By allowing lawns to grow longer, and not applying pesticides to flowering plants in your lawn, you can provide nectar and pollen to help your bee neighbors thrive. Mowing less is just one thing we can do protect pollinators.

The full information from Bee City USA can be found here:

https://beecityusa.org/no-mow-

may/#:~:text=No%20Mow%20May%20is%20a,forage%20for%20early%20season%20pollinators

The attached resolution will temporarily suspend enforcement of the City's code provision relating to long grass for the month of May. Residents and businesses that choose to participate do not need to register with the City nor post anything on their property. Properties choosing to participate will have until June 10th to come back into conformance with City Code, after June 10th properties not in conformance with City Code will be subject to code enforcement.

Budget Impact

N/A

Attachment

Attachment A: Resolution 2023-012