



RE: Ordinance No. 250637 - Support for Native Plant Landscaping in Kansas City

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to voice my strong support for the proposed amendments to the City's nuisance code that would allow "managed natural landscapes" with native plants to grow to their natural height.

Native plants aren't "rank weeds"... they're a vital part of a healthy, resilient Kansas City. They protect our waterways by slowing and filtering stormwater, improve air quality, store carbon, and create habitat for pollinators and other wildlife we depend on. Beyond their environmental value, they add seasonal color, texture, and beauty to our neighborhoods in a way that sterile turfgrass simply cannot.

The proposed requirements -- clear boundaries, maintenance standards, and safety corridors -- strike a fair balance between ecological benefits and neighborhood aesthetics. Allowing native gardens will not only make our city more sustainable, but also more vibrant and distinctive.


I encourage you to support this change so Kansas City can lead by example in embracing landscapes that work with nature instead of against it.

Thank you for your consideration,

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