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Hello,

My name is Molly Dillon and I have been a resident of KCMO since 2011 and a gardener since 2022. I pride myself in creating habitat gardens with native plants that add ecological value to our area as well as visual value to our property (I am supporting someone else in their gardening efforts). I am in support of the proposed amendments that expand city codes to include managed natural landscapes and no longer define plants more than 10 inches tall as weeds. The exception of turf grass that is 10+ inches tall makes sense to me along with the requirements of a safety corridor/general maintenance expectations.

Native plants add to the water retention ability of the landscape and support significantly more life than non native species. Visually the impact of native plants is clear - a very direct illustration that is available to anyone would be the Anita B Gorman Discovery Center. Show me a day when it is not brimming with life.

I plan to move to purchase my first home in KC in the next few months and I will be happy to have a city ordinance that supports my gardening interests and is in the best interest of our community.

Thank you,

Molly Dillon  
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