



Ordinance No. 250637

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To whom it may concern,

I am a local business-owner in KCMO. Our business, a yoga studio called Inner Space, located at 2711 Troost Ave, has seen great benefits from the installation of a native plant garden along our sidewalks. From the spontaneous "stopping to smell the flowers" by many passersby, to the comments and questions and delight it arouses in our clients and students, to the magic of coming out to take the dog on a walk and discovering a hummingbird or flutter of butterflies. We feel that this garden has brought so much beauty and an energy of care and safety to a neighborhood that has been greatly impacted by poverty.

We also understand that these plants trap rainwater that would otherwise erode soil and carry harmful chemicals from the road to our rivers and preserve it in the ground, making us less vulnerable to flooding and foundation issues in the long-term, as well as providing vital habitat for a host of pollinators, who are currently threatened by the "lawncare regime" dominant in this country (which itself threatens our entire food chain!).

For this reason we strongly support this ordinance and urge our representatives in the city to do the same. Thank you so much.

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