

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

May 11, 2022

No. 22-19

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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NO MOW MAY INITIATIVE 2022 BY  
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE REGULATION REQUIREMENTS OF SEC. 22-19  
AND SEC. 22-21 OF THE CITY CODE FOR A PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Environment Commission have an ongoing commitment to protect the environment and the natural habitat within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the Environment Commission recognize the importance of bees and other pollinators in the process of growing a diverse and healthy ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, recent research suggests that bee pollinators make use of no mow spaces as key floral resources during early spring in the upper Midwest United States; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinators and floral resources have a positive relationship, where the increase in pollinators can increase the amount of flora and vice versa; and

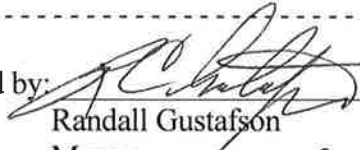
**WHEREAS**, the Falcon Heights City Council and the Environment Commission finds it is in the public interest and consistent with adopted City policies, including the City's Beekeeping Ordinance 20-05, for the City to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy community environment through the implementation of initiatives that help increase the pollinator population.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights, Minnesota:


1. To proclaim the remainder of May 2022 as No Mow May, and encourage all residents of the city who wish to participate in this initiative to refrain from mowing their lawns in the month of May to provide vital early spring flowers for bees that emerge from hibernation, and
2. To temporarily suspend enforcement for No Mow May relating to the requirements of Sec. 22-19 and Sec. 22-21, specifically that "...weeds or grass growing to a height of greater than six inches" from a period beginning May 12, 2022 to May 31, 2022, while continuing to enforce the Minnesota State Mandate regarding the management of noxious weeds, and
3. Beginning on June 1, 2022, the temporary stay on enforcement will expire and the regulation requirements related to Sec. 22-19 and Sec. 22-21 of the City Code will resume enforcement.

**ADOPTED** by the Falcon Heights City Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

Moved by: *Meyer*

Approved by:   
Randall Gustafson  
Mayor

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Attested by:   
Jack Linehan  
City Administrator