



MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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ITEM #: 18

MOTION

AGENDA ITEM: City Code Amendment – Landscaping Requirements

SUBMITTED BY: Rick Chase, Building Official

THROUGH: Dean Zuleger, City Administrator

REVIEWED BY: Kyle Klatt, Planning Director

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED:

The proposed amendments to the City Code are part of a continued process to improve property maintenance procedures in Lake Elmo. Staff recommends the addition of the following amendments to continue the preservation of property values in the city. The three proposed additions include requirements for establishing turf on all properties that have occupancy, property maintenance requirements for commercial and industrial properties, and the conservation of vegetation.

STAFF REPORT:

The existing City Code does not address the timeframe in which turf must be established after a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. However, establishing turf remains a requirement of escrow release and other ordinances within the City Code. The proposed additions to the City Code are intended to set a timeframe for the establishment of landscape. Having these requirements directly in the ordinance is important to set a clear standard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council move to approve the proposed addition to the City Code with the following motion:

“Move to approve Ordinance 08-67, thereby improving the City Code the City’s ability to maintain a minimum standard of property maintenance in Lake Elmo.”

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Ordinance 08-67