

**CITY OF ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION 23-021

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NO MOW MAY BY ADDING AN EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 150.094(E) OF THE CITY CODE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

WHEREAS, in 2018, the city received a grant from Hennepin County to add pollinator plantings resulting in the installation of 32 new gardens; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the city adopted Resolution 19-062 to endorse pollinator protection and promote pollinator habitat; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the city updated Section 150.094 of the city code to include pollinator gardens, native vegetation and natural habitat for pollinators; and

WHEREAS, insects, especially bees, serve a significant and critical role as pollinators of plants including agricultural plants; and

WHEREAS, the ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is one comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species that depend upon them occurs in late spring and early summer as they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat; and

WHEREAS, “No Mow May” is a community science initiative that encourages property owners to limit lawn mowing practices during the month of May to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring, especially in urban landscapes when few floral resources are available; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. Anthony Village encourages interested residents to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by practicing pollinator-friendly lawncare on their own properties for the month of May during this formative period; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of St. Anthony Village recognizes No Mow May to actively promote and educate the community about the critical period of pollinator emergence, generation of crucial pollinator-supporting habitat and early spring foraging opportunities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of St. Anthony Village approve an exemption to certain requirements of Section 150.094(E), specifically the requirement that “No land owner may permit or maintain on the land any growth of weeds, grass,

brush or other rank vegetation to exceed the height of 6 inches.” This exemption shall only apply for a period of May 1 through May 31, 2023.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2023.

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

Randy Stille, Mayor

Reviewed for administration:

Charlie Yunker, City Manager