

**CITY OF CHANHASSEN
CARVER AND HENNEPIN COUNTIES, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 723

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1, CHAPTER 13, AND CHAPTER 20
CHANHASSEN CITY CODE,**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANHASSEN, MINNESOTA ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 1-2 of the City Code, City of Chanhassen, Minnesota, is hereby amended to include the following:

Section 1-2 Rules of Construction and Definitions

Managed natural landscape. Managed natural landscapes may include native and non-native plants and grasses in excess of eight (8) inches in height and which have gone to seed, but may not include any noxious weeds or invasive species and must be maintained so as to not include unintended vegetation. Noxious weeds shall be as defined by Minnesota Statute 18.771. (20) Invasive Species shall be as defined by Minnesota Statute Section 84D.01.

SECTION 2. Section 13-24 of the City Code, City of Chanhassen, Minnesota, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec 13-24 Prohibition

Weeds and grass in excess of eight inches in length on any occupied or unoccupied lot or parcel of land less than one acre in size in the City of Chanhassen is a public nuisance and is prohibited. On vacant property where it would be physically difficult to mow because of topography or other physical constraints, the height limitation on weeds and grass shall only apply to a ten-foot wide strip abutting the lot line of the property. Noxious weeds or plants, as identified and defined by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, are also a public nuisance and are prohibited. Exceptions to this section include:

- a) Native grasses and wild flowers indigenous to Minnesota. Native lawns must be planted and maintained on any occupied lot or parcel of land as part of a garden or landscape treatment.
- b) Managed natural landscapes. Managed natural landscapes may include native and non-native plants and grasses in excess of eight (8) inches in height and which have gone to seed but may not include any noxious weeds and must be maintained so as to not include unintended vegetation. All natural landscapes must meet the conditions of Section 20-1183 of City Code.

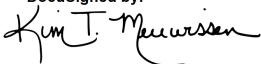
SECTION 3. Section 20-1183 of the City Code, City of Chanhassen, Minnesota, is hereby amended by adding the following:

Sec 20-1183 Landscaping Materials

- g. *Managed natural landscapes.* Managed natural landscapes may include plants and grasses in excess of eight (8) inches in height and which have gone to seed but may not include noxious weeds and must be maintained so as to not include unintended vegetation. All natural landscapes must meet the following conditions:
1. A minimum of 5 feet of maintained area (i.e., vegetation under 8 inches or mulch) is required between natural landscapes on private properties and any roadway, sidewalk, trail, or lot line except any portion of the property which has a privacy fence of at least five feet in height or the adjacent property is also a managed natural landscape.
 2. Plants, trees, and shrubs must be planted through transplanting or seed by human or mechanical means. Managed natural landscapes shall not include turf-grass lawns left unattended for the purpose of returning to a natural state.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of April 2024, by the City Council of the City of Chanhassen, Minnesota

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