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Council adopts ordinance change allowing for year-round enforcement of tall grass and weeds

Yesterday, (Tuesday, July 30), the Common Council adopted file #240298 – an ordinance relating to the enforcement of the cutting of tall grass and weeds. The file, sponsored by **Alderman Lamont Westmoreland**, clarifies that the requirement to cut tall grass and weeds shall be enforced year-round.

“This ordinance change came about after conversations with residents who didn’t appreciate their neighbors having unsightly lawns in early spring and late fall. As it turns out, our ordinance only allowed for enforcement of tall grass and weeds violations from May until the beginning of October,” said Alderman Westmoreland. “The goal of this ordinance change is not to punish homeowners or to collect more money, but rather to ensure we have well maintained properties that contribute to positive quality of life, foster neighborhood pride, and keep our city looking its best.”

The Code of Ordinances stipulates that no turf grass or weeds of any kind shall be permitted to grow or stand more than 7 inches on any property in the city. The year-round enforcement of the tall grass and weeds ordinance will not impact those who choose to participate in the city’s No Mow May program, provided they have registered appropriately.