

**RESOLUTION 22-31**

**RECOGNIZING “NO MOW MAY”**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Lodi is in a unique position to increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn care practices on public and private land and encouraging citizens to take direct and meaningful action on their own properties; and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is comprised of mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season, is free or nearly free of pesticides, is comprised of undisturbed spaces including leaf and brush piles, unmown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood for nesting and overwintering, and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, the formative period for establishment of pollinators and other insect species, and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species which depend upon them occurs in late spring and early summer when they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat. These opportunities are dramatically reduced with early spring leaf-litter removal and grass-mowing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Lodi, Wisconsin, recognizes **No Mow May**, a citizen science initiative 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.

The City of Lodi hereby suspends the enforcement of City of Lodi Ordinance Chapter 122, Section 1 to voluntarily delay homeowner lawn care practices from May 17 until May 31, 2022 to allow pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses to establish, which may result in groundcover exceeding established ordinance height restrictions.

The City of Lodi will not issue correction notices or citations for excessive weed growth or tall grasses for properties participating in No Mow May during this period.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the Common Council of the City of Lodi, Wisconsin.

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Ann Groves Lloyd, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda M. Ayers, City Clerk