

Ordinance 0021-25 – No Mow May

An ordinance to create Chapter 42, Article III, Section 42-63 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin.

The Common Council of the City of Racine, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

Part 1: Chapter 42, Article III, Section 42-63 of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine is deleted and recreated to state as follows:

Sec. 42-63. – No Mow May

- (a) *Exemption.* Property owners registering pursuant to and in compliance with this section shall be exempt from the height restriction for noxious weeds during the month of May.
- (b) *Requirements.* No property owner may be exempt from the height restriction for noxious weeds during the month of May without first registering with the city for an exemption and displaying an official yard sign as prescribed by this section.
- (c) *Registration form.* To register for an exemption each May, a property owner shall, between June 1 and April 30, submit a completed registration form to the department of customer service for each property to be exempted. Registration forms shall be provided by and made available at the city clerk's office from June 1 through April 30 each year.
- (d) *Yard sign.* Registrants shall receive from the department of customer service an official yard sign that shows the year in which it was issued and that must be displayed continuously throughout May and in a conspicuous place on the property for which the exemption was issued.
- (e) *Term.* Exemptions and official yard signs issued under this section are valid only from May 1 through May 31 for the year in which they are issued.
- (f) *Transfer prohibited.* Exemptions and official yard signs issued under this section are not transferable.

Part 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the City of Racine Common Council and publication or posting as required by law.

Fiscal Note: The annual cost to produce and provide yard signs for registered property owners. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 62.09(8)(c), the mayor shall have the veto power as to all acts of the common council, except such as to which it is expressly or by necessary implication otherwise provided. All such acts shall be submitted to the mayor by the clerk and shall be in force upon approval evidenced by the mayor's signature, or upon failing to approve or disapprove within five days, which fact shall be certified thereon by the clerk. If the mayor disapproves the mayor's objections shall be filed with the clerk, who shall present them to the council at its next meeting. A two-thirds vote of all the members of the council shall then make the act effective notwithstanding the objections of the mayor.