



# City of Racine

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## Master Report

File Number: Ord.13-12

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Type: Ordinance

Status: In Committee

Version: A

Reference:

In Control: Board of Park,  
Recreation and  
Cultural Services

Requester: Board of Park,  
Recreation and  
Cultural Services

Cost:

Created: 01/15/2013

Name: Ordinance 13-12

Final Action:

Title: Ordinance 13-12

To recreate Section 42-203(b), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to application of fertilizers.

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

Part 1: Recreate Sec. 42-203 - Application, to add the following sentence to section (b):

“In no case shall fertilizer be washed, swept or blown off impervious surfaces into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances or other water bodies.”

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

Passed by the Common Council:

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Approved:

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Mayor

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

Fiscal Note: N/A

**Notes:**

**Code Sections:**

**Agenda Date:**

**Indexes:**

**Agenda Number:**

**Sponsors:** Melissa Kaprelian-Becker and Terry McCarthy

**Enactment Date:**

**Attachments:**

**Enactment Number:**

**Same:**

**Hearing Date:**

**Contact:** Jena Kohlman x9453

**Next Meeting Date:**

**History of Legislative File**

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
A	Common Council	11/20/2012	Referred	Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services		01/09/2013	
	<b>Action Text:</b>	Referred to the Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services					
A	Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services	12/12/2012	Deferred				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	A motion was made by Chair Terry McCarthy, seconded by Joey LeGath, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.					
	<b>Notes:</b>	<i>McCarthy recommended administrative staff request the attendance of the Mayor or a designee to the January meeting to discuss this ordinance in more detail.</i>					
Mover:	Terry McCarthy						7-3
		AYES:7 - Chair McCarthy, Frontier, LeGath, Handrow, Kaprelian, Rosholt and Johnson EXCUSED:3 - Schaal, Hemmig and Lehner					
A	Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services	01/09/2013	Recommended For Approval				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	A motion was made by Pam Handrow , seconded by Amy Schaal , to approve the recreated Section 42-203(b), of the Municipal Code of the City of Racine, Wisconsin relating to Fertilizers. The motion PASSED by the following vote:					
		Ayes: 8 - Michael Frontier, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow, Amy Schaal, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner, Kiana Johnson, Ald. Krystyna Sarrazin					
		Noes: 1 - Kristen Kaprelian					
	<b>Notes:</b>	Excused: 2 - Ald. Terry McCarthy, Tom Rosholt <i>Tom Rosholt left at 5:50 p.m.</i>					
		<i>Mayor John Dickert spoke briefly about the recreation of this ordinance. This is to give the City teeth to go out and educate people on how, not only fertilizer, but even grass clippings, greatly affect the lakes and rivers. This would be a strong tool to educate. As of right now we don't have that tool.</i>					
		<i>Dr. Kinzelman stated it's important to keep phosphorous and other nutrients from entering bodies of water. Phosphorous and nitrogen are both in fertilizer and both create green algae. Green algae can be very harmful. Last year North Beach had a large algae bloom. If there are things the City can do to prevent more nutrients from entering the Root River and Lake Michigan, it will be a big benefit.</i>					
		<i>Kaprelian stated she doesn't believe an ordinance is needed to educate people and does not want this to be tool for some one to call the police on their neighbor for fertilizing their lawn.</i>					
		<i>Lehner believes this ordinance makes sense and also does not believe it is being put in place to report neighbors for fertilizing their lawns. This ordinance does not just apply to residents, it applies to everyone.</i>					

*Legath agreed with Kaprelian's concern, though does believe it's good we are trying to care for our water. He also does not believe the police should be involved for something of this nature. Handrow agreed this is not a police matter, but it is not uncommon to have this type of ordinance. It does not have to be enforced by the police. It's an education tool, and will be good for the City.*

Mover: Pamala Handrow AYES:7 - Frontier, LeGath, Handrow, Schaal, Hemmig, Lehner and Johnson 7-1-2  
NOES:1 - Kaprelian  
EXCUSED:2 - Chair McCarthy and Rosholt

A Common Council 01/15/2013 Referred Board of Park,  
Recreation and  
Cultural Services

**Action Text:** Referred to Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Mover: Terry McCarthy

A Board of Park, Recreation 02/13/2013  
and Cultural Services

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### **Text of Legislative File Ord.13-12**