



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda Briefing Memorandum
Ordinance 0021-25 – No Mow May

AGENDA DATE:

According to 2026 Budget Consideration Calendar

PREPARED BY: Robin K. Zbikowski, Senior Assistant City Attorney

REVIEWED BY: Scott R. Letteney, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Communication co-sponsored by Mayor Mason and Alder Pabon requesting the creation of a No-Mow May Ordinance to establish an exemption in May to the noxious weeds height requirement.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

The Code requires that all noxious weeds be kept under six inches in height. In September 2023, the common council adopted a pilot No-Mow May Ordinance that provided property owners with the opportunity to exempt their property from the noxious weeds height requirement during the month of May. That ordinance was adopted with a sunset provision that took effect on December 31, 2024.

This proposed piece of legislation is like the previously adopted No-Mow May Ordinance, except that it is not intended to be a pilot program, there is no sunset provision, and it does not require property owners to pay a fee to register for the exemption.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To approve.

FISCAL NOTE & BUDGETARY IMPACT: The costs to produce No-Mow May yard signs.