



RESOLUTION #23-03

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY 2023 AS NO MOW MAY

WHEREAS the city of Berlin is a Monarch City and would like to encourage an increase in pollinator-friendly habitat through pollinator-friendly lawn care practices; and

WHEREAS ideal pollinator-friendly habitat is comprised mostly of 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 un-mown lawns, and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS the formative period for establishing of pollinator and other insect species, and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species which depend on them, occurs in late Spring and early Summer when they emerge from dormancy and require flowering plants as crucial foraging habitat; and these opportunities are dramatically reduced with early Spring grass-mowing; and

WHEREAS staff is recommending registration of properties participating in No Mow May to assure that participation is conscientious, that participants understand the requirements of the municipal code and the parameters of the exception being created and that the exception does not prevent enforcement for persons not actively participating in the No Mow May program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Berlin recognizes No Mow May 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:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Berlin hereby directs staff to not issue nuisance violations for long grass and weed violations for Properties registered with the City at www.cityofberlin.net for the No Mow May Program during the month of May, permitting those residents who are properly registered with the City to voluntarily delay lawn care until June 1st, which may result in ground-cover exceeding established ordinance height-restrictions. Residents can purchase a sign to participate in the program and display the sign on their lawns.

Passed, approved and adopted this 11th day of April 2023.


ROLL CALL VOTE:

6 AYES

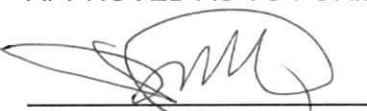
0 NAYS

0 ABSENT

CITY OF BERLIN

BY: 
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Matthew G. Ghier
City Attorney

ATTEST: 
Sara Rutkowski
City Clerk