

Homeowner Statement Assessment # 238503 (File 22-073696)

City Code 45.03 (7) states grass or weeds which has grown upon any property to a height of eight (8) or more inches is considered a "nuisance."

I dispute Ms. Moermond recommendation for city council hearing of Homeowner Statement Assessment # 238503 (File 22-073696).

As mentioned in the preliminary meeting, the vast majority of grass blades were in compliance of City Code 45.03 (7) height of 8 inches or more (under 8 inches). Also, the city code is ambiguous in defining grass (does buffalo grass qualify which is being grown in the same zip code with majority of grass blades above 8 inches?)

While evaluating Assessment # 238503 (File 22-073696) the City Council should consider if no intervention occurred 19JUL2022 regarding the boulevard and sidehill grass length (at the time, a minority of grass blades were exceeding 8 inches), likely grass cut (with taxpayer money) would still be alive today.

Unfortunately, city processes which led to File 22-073696 grass cutting 19JUL2022 subsequently killed the remaining grass due to drought conditions JUL2022 and length of grass cut by city. During JUL2022, we were experiencing a drought in Saint Paul, MN which grass maintenance techniques would advise to grow grass blades longer than typical 2 inches. The crew assigned to File 22-073696 went beyond the grass maintenance recommendation to cut more than 30% of the grass blade and shaved the grass to below one inch height. This city induced dead grass will need to be excavated next spring to avoid runoff and erosion. Instead of paying a fine for violating City Code 45.03 (7), I am requesting reimbursement for damages caused by File 22-073696 intervening in homeowner property maintenance and killing grass cut at 1437 Sheldon St Saint Paul, MN (incident reports 12JAN2023)

-Alexander Samuel McLane