

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL,
AS “NO MOW MONTH”, TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTARILY DELAY
LAWN CARE AND MOWING TO SUPPORT POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY HABITAT
DURING A CRITICAL PERIOD OF POLLINATOR EMERGENCE**

WHEREAS, as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, the Town of University Park and the Town’s Bee City USA Committee, are encouraged to develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat on public and private land, to adopt sustainable pollinator-friendly land management practices; and

WHEREAS, the Town is in a unique position to significantly increase pollinator-friendly habitat by encouraging pollinator-friendly lawn-care practices, including the use of dye-free mulch, and by incentivizing its residents to take direct and meaningful action on private properties; and

WHEREAS, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat comprises mostly native wildflowers, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees blooming in succession throughout the growing season, undisturbed spaces including leaf and brush piles, un-mown fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood for nesting and overwintering; is free or nearly free of pesticides, comprises and provides connectivity between habitat areas to support pollinator movement and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the formative period for establishment of pollinator and other insect species, and the many songbirds and other urban wildlife species that depend upon 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 leaf-litter removal and grass-mowing; and

WHEREAS, Bee City USA has encouraged local governments to adopt “No Mow April” to support pollinator-friendly habitat during the month of April, which is a critical period of pollinator emergence; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Common Council have determined that encouraging residents to support No Mow April on private property is in the public interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park recognize No Mow April 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for the duration of the month of April, the Town of University Park encourages all residents to voluntarily delay homeowner lawn-care and

mowing practices until May 1, for the purpose of allowing pollinator species to emerge and early flowering grasses and forbs to establish; and

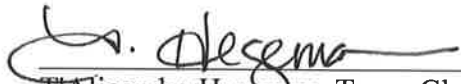
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town Code Enforcement may suspend enforcement of §13-103 of the Town Code if the delay in mowing to support pollinator species results in groundcover exceeding established weed and turf grass height restrictions, to the extent that a hazardous situation is not created or allowed to continue.

APPROVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park at a regular meeting on the 7th day of April, 2025.

EFFECTIVE the 7th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL
TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK



Alicandra Hegeman, Town Clerk

By: 

Laurie K. Morrissey, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: _____
Suellen M. Ferguson, Town Attorney