

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-45**

**AN ORDINANCE UPDATING DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS FOR MANAGED NATURAL LANDSCAPES IN CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE TO MATCH THOSE WITHIN CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 21: ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

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**ARTICLE III: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

**DIVISION A: GENERAL STANDARDS**

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**§ 21.301.15 LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING.**

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(c) *Landscaping standards.*

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(5) *Managed natural landscapes.* As defined in § 21.601, these landscapes are allowed as specified in Chapter 10, Article VI, subject to the following standards:

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(C) ~~[*Thatch.* Thatch, as defined in § 21.601, must be cleared at least once per year through mowing, burning, or other appropriate means. A burning permit must be issued by the City Fire Marshal.]~~ *Reserved.*

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(f) *Restrictions.* The following restrictions on landscaping and screening apply to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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(5) *Fire hydrant and utility clear zone.* ~~[The area three feet in radius around all fire hydrants, fire hose connections and utility boxes must be kept free of any trees, shrubs or other landscaping feature that could impede access to or use of the hydrant, fire hose connection or utility box.]~~ Plants must not impede access to a fire hydrant, fire hose connection, or utility box, or obstruct the view of such from the street.

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## ARTICLE VI: DEFINITIONS

### § 21.601 DEFINITIONS.

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**TENT.** Any structure, including portable or temporary structures, consisting of a composite frame of stakes, beams, ropes, or cables, that is covered or enclosed or readily covered or enclosed with canvas or similar pliable materials and supported in any manner except by air or by the contents it protects.

~~[**THATCH.** The accumulation of dead plant material, including stems, roots, and plant foliage.]~~

**THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE ENTERPRISE.** Any business establishment providing therapeutic massage services to the public as defined in Chapter 14.

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Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

/s/ Victor Rivas  
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Priyanka Rai  
Secretary to the Council

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied  
City Attorney