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Yes	Yes	Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., Anyone using herbicides and pesticides should be required to let neighbor's know ahead of time. There should be a buffer when spraying to prevent any spray from crossing property lines.	The city should encourage replacement of turf grasses with native plants. They use less water, chemicals and effort while providing habitat and environmental protection. Private land is crucial to wildlife protection since obviously most property is privately owned rather than public parks. Considering that the city tends to let developers do whatever they want on their property even out of state developers that are taking actions that harm residents of Columbia, I think it is outrageous that the city even has and enforces a weed ordinance based on appearances. Other (from question #3 in case I used too many characters): Anyone using herbicides and pesticides should be required to let neighbors know ahead of time. There should be a buffer when spraying to prevent any spray from crossing property lines. This is the policy in Madison, Wisconsin.
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Yes	Yes	Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation., Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., Definitions of terms used to define compliant and non-compliant landscapes including invasive species, nuisance plants, native plants and ornamental plants.	Given the interest - as well as critical need - for including native host plants in developed landscapes in efforts to boost declining habitats for monarchs, bees, moths and other species that have suffered real population drops in recent years, this revision seems overdue. Since changes to ordinances take time and effort, is there any interest in or way to actually incentivize including natives as part of required landscaped/screening planting plans as part of this revision?
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Yes	Unsure	Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation., Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., Definitions of terms used to define compliant and non-compliant landscapes including invasive species, nuisance plants, native plants and ornamental plants.	Thank you for this opportunity to give feedback! Ideally the city will also allocate resources towards adequate training of city staff in understanding any changes that are made to the ordinance, and how they should be enforced.
Yes	Yes	Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation., Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., Definitions of terms used to define compliant and non-compliant landscapes including invasive species, nuisance plants, native plants and ornamental plants.	I think it is important to allow home owners to manage their landscapes for wildlife and produce. We enjoy having birds butterflies and other native animals visit our yard. We also enjoy having Many edible plants growing in our yard. It's good for the conservation of soil water native plants and animals and people to allow native plants and vegetables to be grown at heights higher than 12 inches.
Yes	Yes	Setback distance for vegetation taller than 12" from property lines., Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation., Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., Definitions of terms used to define compliant and non-compliant landscapes including invasive species, nuisance plants, native plants and ornamental plants.	
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Yes	Yes	Requirements to cut back vegetation greater than 12" on an annual basis., Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation., Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., Definitions of terms used to define compliant and non-compliant landscapes including invasive species, nuisance plants, native plants and ornamental plants.	I believe the weed ordinance should be updated to allow for wide latitude in establishing and maintaining native vegetation in yards and or flower beds.
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Yes	Yes	Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife.	Residents should be allowed to grow native plants and trees that are beautiful, support pollinators and other wildlife, help with storm water runoff and do not require excessive watering or chemicals to survive.
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Yes	Yes	Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife.	
No	Yes	I believe no change is needed in the ordinance., Loosing sight of the original reason for the weed ordinance.	This ordinance came about as a health and safety issue. Any 12 inch ground cover, native or not, will harbor disease carrying vermin as well as be a fuel source that can allow fires to easily spread from one structure to another. Having personally investigated hundreds of vermin calls concerning overgrown (12 inch vegetation) yards, I almost always found vermin and other feral animals residing in yards with tall grassed. I was my experience that the push to have unregulated native grasses was always a ploy by certain citizens to not have to cut their properties. The proposed changes could easily encourage landlords to replant their properties to native grasses to avoid large reoccurring ,mowing costs. Would not East Campus look great with a bunch of overgrown properties and no remedies. Or will any update regulate rentals, but not owner occupied. Had to leave Columbia because of all the "progressive" changes which too often lead to intrusive, negative, unintended, consequences.
Yes	Yes	Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife.	I support the use of native plants in managed landscapes, because of the benefits to insects, birds and animals, as well as the reduced need for watering, fertilizing, storm water controls, pesticide use and mowing in these landscapes.
Yes	Yes	Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation., Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., Provide incentives for planting and maintaining pollinator gardens within the city.	
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No	No	I believe no change is needed in the ordinance.	unbelievable that city council and certain members/groups of Columbia are spending time on this issue when we have roads in horrible condition, lack the police force we need that is going unaddressed!
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Yes	Unsure	Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife.	
Unsure	No	I believe no change is needed in the ordinance., Setback distance for vegetation taller than 12" from property lines., The problem I have with the ordinance is the city and some large contractors seem to be exempt. This is unfair.	
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Yes	Unsure	Control invasive vegetation as listed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.	Quit meddling with private property and get the violent criminals of this community in prison!
No	Yes	I believe no change is needed in the ordinance.	Consider the time which will be required of city staff to investigate complaints from residents. Some homeowners will just allow weeds to grow and then claim the weeds comply with the "new" ordinance, when in reality, they do not. I recommend we leave the current ordinance in place and unchanged. Save city staff from spending a lot of time chasing additional complaints which will arise.
No	Yes		Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
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No	Yes	I believe no change is needed in the ordinance., A change in the ordinance would encourage absent or negligent homeowners to allow over growth causing unsightly lots in neighborhoods and hazardous obstruction of oncoming traffic at intersections. We have experienced this many times in the past few years and highly oppose an ordinance change.	The Methodist church office on Mexico gravel has "native plantings" The lovely building is surrounded by unsightly overgrowth. This is not attractive or acceptable inside city limits. The well manicured grounds of the professional buildings close by are a sharp contrast to this. This is what makes our city more attractive to visitors who may one move to Columbia as we did 15 years ago.
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Yes	No	Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife.	Many native plants mature taller than 12", but still provide beneficial food sources for birds, retain soil, and beautify lawns. Perhaps we should also focus on eliminating non-beneficial plants that are currently allowed, such as bradford pear trees.
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Yes	Yes	Native Vegetation and specifically the use of pollinator and food producing species should be encouraged. City suggestions may be helpful. Discourage the use of Glyphosate based chemical control.	Promotion of 'ornamentals' benefits no one. The native pollinator species provide more benefit and sustainability long term. Would love to see city programs encouraging butterfly garden planting and showing us how to be good hosts for important pollinators. The current ordinance is concerning because it seems to specifically discourage this in favor of a monoculture or 'ornamental' species which also indirectly encourages the use of known toxic and cancer concerning chemicals such as glimpses found in Roundup.

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Yes	Yes	Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife.	Thank you for trying to figure out how to make more sustainable, ecologically-sound, and healthy urban green spaces!
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Yes	Yes	Prohibit noxious weeds as listed by the US Department of Agriculture., Allow managed vegetation that exceeds 12" to go to seed and persist throughout the year to provide food and habitat for wildlife., make allowances for yards/ green spaces that are managed to provide food, habitat, water conservation/ management, and beauty.	
Yes	Yes	Y'all just stupid with all these ordinances	
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