

CITY OF ST. ALBERT

BYLAW 30/2024

COMMUNITY STANDARDS BYLAW AMENDMENT

Being Amendment 3 to the Community Standards Bylaw 12/2010

The Council of the City of St. Albert ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Bylaw 12/2010, the Community Standards Bylaw is hereby amended by this Bylaw.

2. Section 2 is amended by:

a. Adding the following definition as subsection (h.1):

““Grass” means vegetation consisting of typically short plants with long, narrow leaves that make up a lawn including but not limited to bluegrass, ryegrass, bermuda grass, and fescue grass but does not include Ornamental Grass”

b. Deleting subsection (l) in its entirety.

c. Adding the following definition as subsection (m.1):

““Ornamental Grass” means grass that is grown and positioned for ornamental and landscape accent purposes only including but not limited to feather reed grass, karl forester reed grass, blue oat grass, and flame grass.”

d. Adding the following definition as subsection (v);

“Weed” means;

a. a noxious or prohibited noxious weed as defined in the *Weed Control Act*, or

b. a plant that is commonly known as a weed including but not limited to dandelions, chickweed, and stinkweed but does not include clover provided that the clover is:

i. planted in such a way that it is contained within a defined flower bed, shrub bed, or container such as a planter, barrel or pot, or

ii: planted as a lawn alternative and kept under the Grass height standard set in section 5(2)(f).

3. Section 5(2) is amended by:

a. Deleting subsection (f) in its entirety and replacing it with “Grass or Weed higher than 15 centimetres.”

4. Section 5 is amended by adding the following as a new subsections, immediately after subsection (2):

“(3) Nothing in section 5(2)(f) is meant to limit a person from planting food crops, pollinating gardens, rain gardens or xeriscaping in a manner that does not encroach onto City Property, and is compliant with all other applicable Provincial and Municipal legislation.

(4) Subsection 5(2)(f) does not apply to:

(a) parks and natural areas under the control of the City; or

(b) areas under the direction and control of the City including boulevards adjacent to major roadways, areas subject to naturalization efforts and sound attenuation berms.”

5. The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to issue a consolidated version of Bylaw 12/2010 that incorporates the amendments made by this amending bylaw and otherwise conforms with the requirements of section 69 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

EFFECTIVE DATE

6. This bylaw comes into effect when it is passed.

READ a First time this ___ day of _____ 20__.

READ a Second time this ___ day of _____ 20__.

READ a Third time this ___ day of _____ 20__.

SIGNED AND PASSED this ___ day of _____ 20__.

MAYOR

CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER