

**LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_ of 2024**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 86  
OF THE CITY OF HUDSON CODE**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUDSON AS  
FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. TITLE** This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ for the year 2024.

**SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, INTENT AND PURPOSE**

The City of Hudson Common Council hereby acknowledges the benefits of native non-invasive plants, recognizing that mowed lawns are not an environmentally sustainable practice. The City Code of the City of Hudson currently prohibits all vegetation exciding six inches in height irrespective of whether vegetation includes cultivated gardens and vegetation. The intent and purpose of this law is to allow for cultivated vegetation and rewilding to promote plant and pollinator biodiversity.

**SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY**

This local law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law (Chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York).

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT** Chapter 86 of the Hudson City Code adopted 12-13-1973 by Ord. No. 10-1973 is hereby amended as follows:

**A. Chapter 86, Section 86-1 is hereby AMENDED to ADD the following:**

**Weeds:** Uncultivated vegetation such as grasses, brush, briars, and annual plants, excluding trees and cultivated vegetation, such as shrubs, flowers, gardens, and vegetation used for agricultural purposes.

**B. Chapter 86, Section 86-2 is hereby DELETED and REPLACED with the following:**

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any occupied or unoccupied lot in the City of Hudson to permit or maintain on any such lot, or on or along the sidewalk, street or alley adjacent to the lot, or on any area between the property line and the curb, or for ten (10) feet outside the property line if there be no curb, any growth of weeds to a greater height than ten (10) inches on the average. It shall also be unlawful for such person to permit any accumulation of dead weeds, grass or brush; nor shall any person permit poison ivy, ragweed or other poisonous plants or plants detrimental to health to grow on any lot in such a manner that any part of such vegetation shall extend upon, overhang or border any public place. It

shall further be unlawful for such person to allow seed, pollen or other poisonous particles or emanations therefrom to be carried through the air into any public place.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase in this chapter or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this chapter or any part thereof. The Common Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared unconstitutional, or invalid, or ineffective.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor