

## Lawn Cutting and Yard Maintenance

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS:** The City has been getting several questions relating to lawn cutting, yard maintenance and other landscaping activities performed by contractors. The City takes the position that failure to maintain lawns is unsafe and unsanitary and constitutes a nuisance under City Ordinances as it may lead to rodent harborage, excessive clogging of storm water systems, flooding, etc. **Actions necessary to maintain and improve the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of a residence are allowed under Executive Order 2020-21**, therefore ***residents are allowed to mow their lawns OR may allow lawn services to perform this task***; however, additional work such as planting, patio installation, paver installation, and other non-essential landscaping activities are not permitted by a lawn service. Although the Governor nor the Attorney General have ruled explicitly on the merits of lawn care, the City will not be issuing violations for actions in compliance with this notice.

**Any necessary landscaping work that is carried out by contractors while the order is in effect must be done in accordance with the mitigation measures required under section 5(c) of EO 2020-21 which state:**

*Businesses and operations maintaining in-person activities must adopt social distancing practices and other mitigation measures to protect workers and patrons. Those practices and measures include, but are not limited to:*

- *Restricting the number of workers present on premises to no more than is strictly necessary to perform the business's or operation's critical infrastructure functions.*
- *Promoting remote work to the fullest extent possible.*
- *Keeping workers and patrons who are on premises at least six feet from one another to the maximum extent possible, including for customers who are standing in line.*
- *Increasing standards of facility cleaning and disinfection to limit worker and patron exposure to COVID-19, as well as adopting protocols to clean and disinfect in the event of a positive COVID-19 case in the workplace.*
- *Adopting policies to prevent workers from entering the premises if they display respiratory symptoms or have had contact with a person who is known or suspected to have COVID-19.*
- *Any other social distancing practices and mitigation measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.*