



County Commission Meeting  
June 16, 2021  
Agenda Item Number: Q.6  
Agenda Item Summary #8374

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**BULK ITEM:** No

**DEPARTMENT:** County Attorney's Office

**TIME APPROXIMATE:**  
1:30 PUBLIC HEARING

**STAFF CONTACT:** Peter Morris (305) 289-2584

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** A Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Article II, Chapter 12, of the Monroe County Code of Ordinances, to Adopt the "Monroe County Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes" incorporating regulation of the use or application of fertilizers.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** The proposed ordinance amends Article II, Chapter 12, of the Monroe County Code of Ordinances, by adopting the proposed "Monroe County Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes" in order to minimize the adverse environmental and land use-related effects of the misuse and overuse of fertilizer on landscapes within the unincorporated areas of the Florida Keys.

This ordinance will establish minimum standards for Monroe County to (1) regulate the proper application of fertilizer; (2) require proper training of commercial and institutional fertilizer applicators; (3) establish training and certification requirements; (4) establish a prohibited application period; and (5) specify allowable fertilizer application rates/methods, fertilizer-free zones, low maintenance zones, and exemptions.

The benefits to the community include the reduction in costs of fertilizer if overuse is curtailed, the potential cost savings (in taxpayer money) by reducing the need for expensive, large-scale mitigation of impaired water bodies, and the improved water quality of near-shore water bodies that would allow for safer and more enjoyable recreational, commercial, and tourism-related opportunities.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

5/19/21 – BOCC approved advertisement of a 6/16/21 public hearing to consider adoption of the proposed ordinance.

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

N/A

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Approval.

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**DOCUMENTATION:**

Fertilizer Ordinance - Final  
Copy of Ad Published 5.29 and Proof of Advertising Request

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

<b>Effective Date:</b>	
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	
<b>Total Dollar Value of Contract:</b>	N/A
<b>Total Cost to County:</b>	
<b>Current Year Portion:</b>	
<b>Budgeted:</b>	
<b>Source of Funds:</b>	
<b>CPI:</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs:</b>	
<b>Estimated Ongoing Costs Not Included in above dollar amounts:</b>	
<b>Revenue Producing:</b>	<b>If yes, amount:</b>
<b>Grant:</b>	
<b>County Match:</b>	
<b>Insurance Required:</b>	N/A
<b>Additional Details:</b>	N/A

N/A

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Bob Shillinger	Completed	06/08/2021 8:41 AM
Peter Morris	Completed	06/08/2021 8:43 AM
Purchasing	Completed	06/08/2021 8:44 AM
Budget and Finance	Completed	06/08/2021 2:25 PM
Maria Slavik	Completed	06/08/2021 2:32 PM
Liz Yongue	Completed	06/08/2021 3:11 PM
Board of County Commissioners	Pending	06/16/2021 9:00 AM