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**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE ZONING CODE  
REGARDING AGRICULTURAL USES**

Adopted by the President and Board of  
Trustees of the Village of Long Grove on  
this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 5-3-2 of the Village of Long Grove Zoning Code (“**Zoning Code**”), the Village permits the growing of crops in residential districts as a permitted use, but any further agricultural uses are deemed “expanded agricultural uses,” which require a special use permit; and

**WHEREAS**, to the extent that mulching activities are conducted in connection with the growing of crops or as part of a special use for expanded agricultural uses, such mulching activities warrant special regulation to avoid the creation of nuisances for surrounding properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board hereby finds and determines that amending the Village Code with respect to mulching activities is in the best interests of the Village and its residents and will promote the public health, safety, and welfare;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LONG GROVE, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF ILLINOIS,**  
as follows:

**SECTION ONE: Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are by this reference incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth.

**SECTION TWO: Amendment of Section 8-8-9 of the Village Code.** Section 9, entitled “Mulching compost piles,” of Chapter 8, entitled "Garbage and Trash," of Title 8, entitled "Health and Sanitation," of the Long Grove Village Code is hereby amended so that Section 8-8-9 shall hereafter be and read as follows:

**8-8-9. - Mulching and compost piles.**

Leaves, grass, clippings, vegetable tops and similar **organic** matter (**but not including any** ~~containing~~ combustible material) may be accumulated by the owner **of a lot** as mulch or compost piles **provided that:**

- a. **No mulch or compost pile may occupy more than one hundred (100) square feet of a lot, unless expressly authorized as part of a special use permit for an expanded agricultural use under Section 5-3-6(G) of the Zoning Code;**
- b. **Any mulch or compost pile not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area may be maintained no closer than twenty feet (20') from a lot line (as defined in the Zoning Code), but any mulch or compost pile exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area shall be located no closer than fifty feet (50') from a lot line;**
- c. **Any mulch or compost pile shall be adequately maintained (including utilizing appropriate aeration techniques) and otherwise** situated so as to not constitute a nuisance to adjacent owners;
- d. **Except as expressly authorized in connection with an expanded agricultural use under Section 5-3-6(G) of the Zoning Code, no mulch or compost pile shall exceed five feet (5') in height;**
- e. **Except as expressly authorized in connection with an expanded agricultural use under Section 5-3-6(G) of the Zoning Code, any mulch or compost pile maintained on any lot shall be only for the use and benefit of such lot;**
- f. **Any failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall be deemed a public nuisance and subject to abatement, fines, and such other penalties (including civil remedies) as may be provided by law.**

**To the extent that any lot in the village maintains a mulch or compost pile that does not conform to the requirements of this Section 8-8-9 as of March 1, 2024, such lot may continue to maintain such mulch or compost pile until October 31, 2024, after such date any such mulch or compost pile shall strictly conform to the requirements of this Section.**

**SECTION THREE: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

AYES: ( )

NAYS: ( )

ABSENT: ( )

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_th day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Village President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk

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