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5-18-20

**TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO  
ORDINANCE 1083**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO REQUIRING THE TOWN OF LYONS AND ITS CONTRACTORS TO USE OR ALLOW TO BE USED ON PUBLIC LAND IT MANAGES ONLY SUBSTANCES ALLOWED IN THE MOST CURRENT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM "NATIONAL LIST OF ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES"**

**WHEREAS**, members of the public, including pregnant women, small children, elderly, and immune system compromised individuals vary in their susceptibility to harm from synthetic herbicides and pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, these chemicals are being applied every year for weed control in public areas, such as Town parks, open space land, and along sidewalks and streets and in the commercial district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town previously adopted an Integrated Weed Management Plan to require prevention, cultural, mechanical, and biological weed control methods be employed first by the Town or its contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the herbicides that have been used contain toxins known to effect human health and the environment, in way still under scientific investigation and not fully understood; and

**WHEREAS**, soil testing for sever "non-persisting" synthetic herbicides in Lyons has measured residual levels over several months and into years after there application; and

**WHEREAS**, according to an official publication of Boulder County, Colorado, "Of the 48 most commonly used pesticides in schools and homes, 21 are possible human carcinogens, 27 cause reproductive effects, 31 affect the nervous system, 31 cause liver or kidney damage, 41 are sensitizers or irritants, and 17 cause birth defects; and

**WHEREAS**, there is new evidence of significant detrimental health issues to those employed in applying these chemicals, including some previously considered safe; and

**WHEREAS**, alternative methods of chemical weed management are available, and including pesticides and herbicides that are approved for usage in U.S. organic farming; and

**WHEREAS**, Lyons parks are heavily used, and the Town wishes to manage them for weed control in a manner similar to that employed in certified organic farming.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LYONS COLORADO, THAT:**

The Municipal Code of the Town of Lyons, Colorado is hereby amended by adding to Chapter 7, Article 5 the following:

**Sec. 7-5-25. Allowed substances for weed control on public properties in the Town of Lyons**

Commencing on January 1, 2021, all weed control conducted by the Town of Lyons or its contractors on Town-managed public property may use only substances allowed in the most current listing by the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Organic Program "National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances."

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF MAY 2020.**

**INTRODUCED, AMENDED, PASSED, ADOPTED AND ORDERED PUBLISHED ON SECOND READING THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF MAY 2020.**

TOWN OF LYONS, COLORADO

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Nicholas Angelo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dolores Vasquez, CMC – Town Clerk