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From: Council
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 6:09 PM
To: 'Carl Buss'
Subject: RE: Lawn care ordinance-see what Lynnwood did.

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be forwarded to the appropriate staff and included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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From: Carl Buss [mailto:cbmopar@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 09, 2010 4:39 PM
To: Council
Subject: Lawn care ordinance-see what Lynnwood did.

Can we adopt something like this to our city?

Carl Buss

City council passes ordinance for trim lawns, tidy yards


Submitted by KOMO Staff on Monday, February 8th, 11:02pm
Don't get lazy in Lynnwood. Sloppy property could cost you.

In a 5-to-2 vote on Monday night, the Lynnwood City Council passed an ordinance that urges residents to tidy up their yards and lawns.

Under the ordinance, residents must keep the lawn on their grass under 8 inches. And oversized oversized trucks must be only parked on driveways and not on city streets.

Violators of the ordinance will be notified. And if they fail to comply still, a judge can fine them, with the amount determined on a case-by-case basis.

The idea isn't sitting so well with some residents, who think the council has crossed the line.

"I don't think they should tell you how to dress, tell you what to eat, that your lawn is an inch too high, 'I don't like the looks of your truck,'" said resident John Peterson.

But council president Ted Hikel said the measure isn't aiming to crack down on residents who are a few days late mowing their lawns.

"No, that's not at all that is not what this is about," he said.

Hikel said the majority of the residents wants the council to help keep up their community. He said people are sick of neighbors who don't take care of their properties.

"I think that may be a good idea to have somebody make sure you can take care of your property. I mean, that's part of home ownership," said Lynnwood resident Rebecca Herivel.

And Hikel said the issue reaches beyond aesthetics.

"If you have a house where you have overgrown shrubbery all over the house, and it's not watered, this becomes a fire hazard. So it's not just about looks; it's about safety for the community," said Hikel.