

Date: October 7, 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: Tiffany Cribbs, Director of Community Services

RE: Rule Approval – Remove Community Garden Section

Background

The Community Garden plots are managed through an annual application process that includes acknowledgment of the garden plot rules. To reduce redundancy and simplify the Rules & Regulations document, the dedicated Community Garden section is recommended for removal. Nearly all provisions from this section are already addressed in the General Rules section of the Rules & Regulations.

The few garden-specific rules, such as restrictions on certain plants, requirements for plot upkeep, and limits on compost disposal, are now enforced through the application process. When concerns are reported, staff will request a photo, contact the plot holder, and provide a reasonable amount of time to resolve the issue. If the issue is not addressed, the plot may be reassigned.

This approach allows for simpler oversight while maintaining clear expectations for plot holders.

These rules were presented to the Board and approved as 28 Day Readings at the September Regular Session Board Meeting.

Fiscal Impact

Removing the Community Garden section will eliminate three violations that currently carry \$100 fines: Prohibited Plants (CG.1.8), Unkept Plots/Pests (CG.1.9), and Compost Disposal (CG.1.10). These fines are rarely used, so any loss of revenue is expected to be minimal. Rule enforcement will instead be handled through the plot application process, which allows for revocation of garden privileges when rules are not followed.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the 28 Day Reading to remove the Community Garden Section from the Rules & Regulations.



Director of Community Services

Section Proposed for Removal:

COMMUNITY GARDEN (CG)

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: Failure to comply with any of these rules as set forth herein may result in applicable fine(s). For additional information, refer to the Schedule of Fines.

SECTION I - INTRODUCTION

The Community Garden is a place to gather and enjoy gardening as a community group.

SECTION II – COMMUNITY GARDEN RULES

Community Garden rules have been established for the safety and consideration of Members, Member's family, guests and / or invitees. These rules are to be adhered to by all.

CG.1.1 Members in Good Standing

Members must be in good standing to utilize an assigned plot.

CG.1.2 No Loitering

Loitering is not permitted in the gardening area. Only Members with assigned plots are allowed.

CG.1.4 No Profanity

No Foul language allowed.

CG.1.5 No Pets

No Pets are allowed in the Gardens.

CG.1.6 Hours

Gardening hours are from sunrise to 8 p.m.

CG.1.7 Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic Beverages are not permitted in the gardens.

CG.1.8 Prohibited Plants

No poisonous, toxic, or illegal plant growth (i.e., poison ivy, cannabis, etc.).

CG.1.9 No Unkept Plot / Pests

No plot may become overrun, neglected, or unkept as to attract unwanted pests or rodents. Plant growth may not invade or interfere with any pathways.

CG.1.10 Compost Disposal

Designated compost receptacles are to be used by members with garden plot holders only. Only organic waste, weeds, and plant residue may be placed in the compost receptacles.