

**Excerpt From Lot Maintenance By-Law 2023-075**

**4. Naturalized Area**

- (1) A naturalized area is an area that:
  - (a) is deliberately planted or cultivated with one or more species of wild flowers, shrubs, annuals, perennials, ornamental grasses, or a combination of them, to emulate a natural area; and
  - (b) is regularly monitored and maintained by a person.
- (2) Every owner shall comply with subsection 4(3) respecting naturalized areas.
- (3) A naturalized area:
  - (a) is only permitted in the rear yard of a property located in a residential zone as defined in the Zoning By-law - South of Dundas Street or the rear yard of a property with a residential use as defined in the Zoning By-law – North of Dundas Street;
  - (b) shall occupy a maximum of 25% of the rear yard, measured in a square/rectangle from the rear lot line to the closest point to the rear of the dwelling unit and from side lot line to side lot line or flankage lot line; and
  - (c) shall contain a buffer strip around the perimeter of the rear yard, where vegetative growth, common weeds and turfgrass are to be cut whenever the growth in the buffer strip exceeds twenty (20) centimeters in height. The buffer strip is required to be cut where the naturalized area adjoins a lot line of another property.
- (4) Despite subsection 4(2) and 4(3), a naturalized area that was installed on or before July 10, 2023 is permitted to remain on the property in accordance with subsection 4(5).
- (5) The naturalized area referred to in subsection 4(4):
  - (a) must meet the requirements of subsection 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b); and
  - (b) shall not be altered or expanded after July 10, 2023.
- (6) Should an owner remove a naturalized area that was installed on or before July 10, 2023, any new naturalized area that is installed must comply with the requirements of Section 4.