

§ 153.097 DEFINITIONS; MANAGED NATURAL LANDSCAPING.

(A) For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

MANAGED NATURAL LANDSCAPING AREA. Designed and cultivated plant communities that are self-sustaining with minimal resort to artificial methods of plant care and that serve at least one of the following purposes:

- (a) The attraction and aid of wildlife;
- (b) The offset and control of a potential or existing soil loss program;
- (c) The enrichment or stabilization of soil fertility;
- (d) Pest control;
- (e) Governmental programs, including, without limitation, stormwater control;
- (f) Educational studies; and
- (g) Food production.

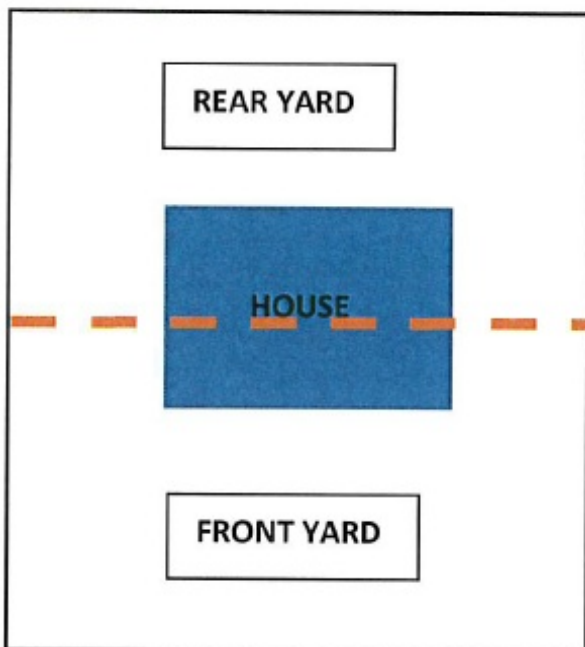
(B) The height restrictions provided in § 153.095 shall not apply to natural plants on privately owned, occupied residential property and properties contiguous to the privately owned, occupied residential property provided that such contiguous properties are owned by the same individual, when such natural plants are part of a managed natural landscape area.

(C) Managed natural landscaped areas shall be set back a minimum of three feet from all property lines, roads, alleys and/or driveways unless the property is abutted by a fence or similar barrier separating it from adjoining residential properties, then the natural landscaping may be planted up to the property line (inside the sidewalk). With the exception of trees, all vegetation in the right-of-way strip between the sidewalk and street must be kept at a height of less than ten inches.

(D) Managed natural landscaped areas shall not be permitted to overhang or encroach onto any public or private properties, or public sidewalks, streets or alleys adjacent to the lot, tract or parcel on which they are planted.

(E) Managed natural landscaped areas shall be permitted to be up to 25% of the area of the front yard and up to 50% of the area of the rear yard.

(F) For purposes of this section, the front and rear yard of a property shall be determined by the halfway point of the subject lot; it will not follow the zoning code definition of front and rear yard.



(Prior Code, § 158.42) (Ord. 21-04, passed 8-9-2021; Ord. 22-08, passed 8-22-2022)