



**CITY OF MOORHEAD
500 CENTER AVENUE
MOORHEAD MN 56560**

LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

A written plan relating to management of the lawn, which contains:

- A. Legal description of the lawn upon which the grass and other growth will exceed eight inches (8") in length.
- B. Statement of intent and purpose for the lawn. A description of the vegetation types, plants and plant succession involved.
- C. The specific management and maintenance techniques to be employed.
- D. Include provisions for cutting at a length not greater than eight inches (8") the following areas:
 - Berm/boulevard: that portion between the sidewalk and the street or a strip not less than fifteen feet (15') adjacent to the street where there is no sidewalk
 - Area within four feet (4') adjacent to neighboring property lines (this buffer may be waived by the abutting property owner on the side so affected)

Questions?

City of Moorhead
Neighborhood Services
218.299.5434



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NATURAL LAWN APPLICATION

1. Name of Applicant: _____

Property Address: _____

Owner Name (if different than above): _____

Date: _____

2. Legal Description:

3. Site Plan. Attach a drawing of the site plan to this application.

4. Plant list. On the enclosed form list all plants and their heights.



OATH

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I, _____, do solemnly swear that the property owners of record located within 200 feet of the boundaries of the properties affected have been duly notified and informed of my proposed land management plan as follows:

Addresses within 200 feet	Date Notified	Notification Method

Signature: _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public



NOTICE TO AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS

As required by Moorhead City Code 3-3-3-D, property owners may apply for approval of a land management plan for a natural lawn (see attached). Property owners within 200 feet of the affected properties must be notified of the proposed natural lawn plan. If, within 15 days of receipt of a copy of the application, at least 51% of such property owners' file written objections to the application with the City, the application shall be referred to the Planning Commission for hearing and recommendation to the Council.

Please return this form to:

Neighborhood Services Division
City of Moorhead
500 Center Avenue
Moorhead MN 56560

RE: Land Management Plan for _____

I own property at the following address: _____

- I have no objections to the Land Management Plan.
- I object to the Land Management Plan.

Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



MOORHEAD CITY CODE 3-3-3-D: Natural Lawns:

1. Any owner or occupant of land within the City may apply for approval of a land management plan for a natural lawn, one where the grasses and other growth may exceed eight inches (8") in height, provided that such land management plan shall provide that plantings shall be maintained so as not to present hazards to adjoining properties or to persons or vehicles traveling on the public ways, nor to present a hazard to structures on such affected land, and further, shall be maintained as to enhance the appearance of the property on which located.
2. "Land management plan" means a written plan relating to management of the lawn which contains a legal description of the lawn upon which the grass and other growth will exceed eight inches (8") in length, a statement of intent and purpose for the lawn, a general description of the vegetation types, plants, and plant succession involved, and the specific management and maintenance techniques to be employed. The management plan must include provisions for cutting at a length not greater than eight inches (8") the berm area, that portion between the sidewalk and the street or a strip not less than fifteen feet (15') adjacent to the street where there is no sidewalk and a strip not less than four feet (4') adjacent to neighboring property lines unless either waived by the abutting property owner on the side so affected, or by permitted boulevard plantings or rain gardens subject to provisions of subsection 8-4-31H of this Code.
3. Each application of a land management plan shall be on a form provided by the City. A copy of the application shall be mailed by the applicant or given personally by the applicant to each of the owners of record, as listed in the Office of the City Assessor, who are owners of the property situated in whole or in part within two hundred feet (200') of the boundaries of the properties affected. The applicant shall certify, under oath, on a form to be furnished by the City that such owners have been duly notified and the manner in which they have been notified. If, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a copy of the application, at least fifty one percent (51%) of such property owners file written objections to the application with the city, the application shall be referred to the planning commission for hearing and recommendation to the council.
4. The council shall receive the recommendation of the planning commission and shall have the power to approve or deny an application for a land management plan based upon the recommendations of the planning commission.
5. Notwithstanding the fact that approval shall be given for a land management plan, the city may order the cutting of such natural lawn at any time when it is determined that the growth has become so hazardous as to cause danger to the safety of the inhabitants of any residential structure on said property or to the citizens and residents of the neighborhood within which the land management plan has been approved.
6. The city shall have the right to further enforce the terms of this section in the same manner as subsections A, B and C of this section upon such notice to the owner or occupant of the property as required by those subsections, with the cost of enforcement of the order contained in said notice to be borne by the owner of the property.