

BILL NO. BL2018-1256 (ALLEN, SWOPE, & OTHERS) – This ordinance would amend the Metropolitan Code of Laws to reinstate allowances for properties maintained in a natural state.

Last year, Ordinance No. BL2017-867 amended the Metro Code of Laws (MCL) to reinstate Chapter 10.28, Control of Excessive Vegetation, previously abolished by Ordinance No. BL2016-124. Prior to BL2016-124, MCL Sec.10.28.010 included provisions allowing for properties in a natural state if an intentional design for vegetative growth was on file with the Metropolitan Beautification Commission, provided there was a fifteen feet setback from the front property line and a ten feet setback from any adjacent residential property line.

This ordinance would re-authorize properties in a natural state if an intentional design for vegetative growth is on file with the Metropolitan Beautification Commission. No front or adjacent property line setback would be included.

This ordinance would also amend MCL Sec. 16.24.330.E by removing the reference to the setback requirement for properties in a natural state.