

R5 E –Florida Friendly Fertilizer Use Within the City of Miami Beach

At the request of sponsor, Commissioner Michael Gongora, additional proposed amendments to the above-referenced ordinance are set forth below.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

Section 46-217. Definitions.

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High-impact areas within public parks will be identified by the parks and recreation department, subject to approval by the city manager or his/her designee and posted in the city's annual water quality report. High-impact areas within public parks will be designated annually and generally mean pre-determined areas consisting of turf grass that is heavily utilized by pedestrian traffic year-round and may include visible signs of wear and tear.

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Sec. 46-226. Golf Course, Athletic Fields, Specialized Turf, and Greenspace

Requirements

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(h) Fertilizers labeled for sports turf at golf courses, parks, and athletic fields shall:

1. Have directions for use not to exceed rates recommended in the document titled SL 191 "Recommendations for N, P, K, and Mg for Golf Course and Athletic Field Fertilization Based on Mehlich I Extractant" dated March 2007, as amended from time to time, which is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into this Ordinance.
2. Have directions for use in accordance with the recommendations in "BMP's for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality of Florida Golf Courses" published by FDEP dated October 2012. This does not exempt Applicators at these sites from the required basic Green Industry BMP training.

All public and private golf courses, athletic fields, high-impact areas within public parks with specialized turf, and greenspaces are required to administer a nutrient soil test periodically and provide the test results together with the monthly fertilizer-use per site to the environment and sustainability department upon request. Monthly fertilizer-use for public and private golf courses, athletic fields, high-impact areas within public parks, and greenspaces will be reported in the City's annual water quality report that is submitted as part of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit's annual report submitted the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. A list and a map of the high-impact areas within parks will also be included in the city's annual water quality report.