ORDINANCE NO. 195

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HYPOLUXO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 22, "ENVIRONMENT." OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE X, "FERTILIZER FRIENDLY ORDINANCE;" PROVIDING FOR TITLE: PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS: PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS: PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND INTENT: PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY: PROVIDING FOR TIMING OF FERTILIZER **APPLICATIONS:** PROVIDING FOR FERTILIZER FREE ZONES: PROVIDING FOR FERTILIZER CONTENT AND APPLICATION RATES: FOR **PROVIDING FERTILIZER** APPLICATION PRACTICES: PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF GRASS CLIPPINGS AND VEGETATIVE MATTER; PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR TRAINING: PROVIDING FOR LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES: **PROVIDING** FOR APPEAL: **PROVIDING** CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act and the resulting Florida Impaired Waters Rule (Chapter 62-303, Florida Administrative Code), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") has classified specific water bodies in Palm Beach County as "impaired" as a result of the presence of excessive nutrients; and

WHEREAS, Section 403.9337, Florida Statutes, requires that local governments located within the watershed of a water body or water segment that is listed as impaired by nutrients pursuant to Section 403.067, Florida Statutes, adopt an ordinance for Florida-Friendly™ fertilizer use on urban landscapes; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2011, FDEP issued its Palm Beach County Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit No. FLS 000018-003 ("MS4 Permit") to forty-one (41) governmental entities, including the Town of Hypoluxo; and

WHEREAS, the MS4 permit requires local governments within the watershed of a nutrient impaired water body to adopt FDEP's Model Ordinance for Florida Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes or an Ordinance that includes all the requirements set forth in the Model Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, surface water runoff and base flow runoff leaves residential neighborhoods, commercial centers, industrial areas, and other lands of Palm Beach County and enters into natural and artificial stormwater and drainage conveyances and natural water bodies in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, phosphorus and nitrogen, the primary nutrients associated with the degradation of surface water, are commonly the primary components of fertilizer for turf and landscape application; and

WHEREAS, the quality of streams, lakes, and wetlands is important to environmental, economic, and recreational prosperity and to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, algae blooms and accelerated growth of aquatic weeds in Palm Beach County's water bodies have heightened community concerns about water quality and eutrophication of surrounding waters; and

WHEREAS, it is generally recognized that eastern Palm Beach County soils naturally have adequate phosphorus content for most vegetative needs and that additional phosphorus is therefore only occasionally needed to create or maintain a vibrant landscape; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that proper application of slow-release nitrogen sources is more efficiently used by plants and less likely to leach or runoff; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance is part of a regulatory program to address non-point sources of nutrient pollution which is scientifically based, and economically and technically feasible; and

WHEREAS, in the process of adoption of this Ordinance, the Town Council has considered scientific information, including input from the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council determines that the adoption of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the residents and citizens of the Town of Hypoluxo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HYPOLUXO, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town Council hereby amends Chapter 22, "Environment," of the Town Code of Ordinances by adopting a new Article X, "Fertilizer-Friendly Use Ordinance," to read as follows (additional language <u>underlined</u>):

ARTICLE X. FERTILIZER-FRIENDLY USE ORDINANCE

Sec. 22-196. Title.

This article shall be known as the town's fertilizer-friendly use ordinance.

Sec. 22-197. Definitions.

When used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Application or apply means the actual physical deposition of fertilizer to turf or landscape plants.

Applicator means any person who applies fertilizer on turf and/or landscape plants in the town.

Approved test means a soil test from the University of Florida, government, or other commercial licensed laboratory that regularly performs soil testing and recommendations.

Best management practices (BMP's) means turf and landscape practices or combination of practices based on research, field-testing, and expert review, determined to be the most effective and practical site-specific means, including economic and technological considerations, for improving water quality, conserving water supplies and protecting natural resources.

<u>Code enforcement officer, official, or inspector means any designated employee or agent of the town whose duty it is to enforce codes and ordinances enacted by the town.</u>

<u>Commercial fertilizer applicator except as provided in section</u> 482.1562(9), Florida Statutes, means any person who applies fertilizer for payment or other consideration to property not owned by the person or firm applying the fertilizer or the employer of the applicators.

<u>Fertilizing or fertilization means the act of applying fertilizer to turf, specialized turf, or landscape plants.</u>

Fertilizer means any substance or mixture of substances that contains one or more recognized plant nutrients and promotes plant growth, or controls soil acidity or alkalinity, or provides other soil enrichment, or provides other corrective measures to the soil.

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Institutional applicator means any person, other than a private, noncommercial or a commercial applicator (unless such definitions also apply under the circumstances), that applies fertilizer for the purpose of maintaining turf and/or landscape plants. Institutional applicators shall include, but shall not be limited to, owners, managers, or employees of public lands, schools, parks, religious institutions, utilities, industrial or business sites and any residential properties maintained in condominium and/or common ownership.

Landscape plant means any native or non-native tree, shrub, or groundcover (excluding turf).

Pasture means land managed for livestock grazing.

Person means any natural person, business, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, association, club, organization, and/or any group of people acting as an organized entity.

Prohibited application period means the time period during which a flood watch or warning, a tropical storm watch or warning, or a hurricane watch or warning is in effect for any portion of the town, issued by the national weather service, or if heavy rain (2 inches or more within a twenty-four (24) hour period) is likely.

Saturated soil means a soil in which the voids are filled with water. Saturation does not require flow. For the purposes of this article, soils shall be considered saturated if standing water is present or the pressure of a person standing on the soil causes the release of free water.

Slow-release, controlled release, timed release, slowly-available, or water insoluble nitrogen means nitrogen in a form which delays its availability for vegetative uptake and use after application, or which extends its availability to the vegetation longer than a reference rapid or quick release product.

Turf, sod, or lawn means an area of grass-covered soil held together by the roots of the grass.

Urban landscape means pervious areas on residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, highway rights-of-way, or other nonagricultural lands that are planted with turf or landscape plants. For the purposes of this section, agriculture has the same meaning as provided in section 570.02, Florida Statutes.

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Sec. 22-198. Findings.

As a result of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's determination that certain water bodies within Palm Beach County are impaired for excessive nutrient levels, the town council finds that the best management practices contained in the most recent edition of the "Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries", are required in this article.

Sec. 22-199. Purpose and intent.

This article regulates the proper use of fertilizers by any applicator; requires proper training of commercial and institutional fertilizer applicators; establishes training and licensing requirements; establishes a prohibited application period; and specifies allowable fertilizer application rates and methods, fertilizer-free zones, and exemptions. This article requires the use of best management practices to minimize negative environmental effects associated with excessive nutrients in our water bodies. These environmental effects have been observed in and on Palm Beach County's natural and constructed stormwater conveyances, rivers, creeks, canals, lakes, estuaries and other water bodies. Collectively, these water bodies are an asset important to the environmental, recreational, cultural and economic well-being of Palm Beach County residents and the public health. Overgrowth of algae and vegetation hinders the effectiveness of flood attenuation provided by natural and constructed stormwater conveyances. Regulation of nutrients, including both phosphorus and nitrogen contained in fertilizer, is anticipated to help improve and maintain water and habitat quality.

Sec. 22-200. Applicability.

This article shall be applicable to and shall regulate any and all applicators of fertilizer and areas of application of fertilizer to urban landscapes within the Town, unless such application is specifically exempted by section 22-206 of this article. This article shall be prospective only, and shall not impair any existing contracts.

Sec. 22-201. Timing of fertilizer application.

- (a) No applicator shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus to turf and/or landscape plants during the prohibited application period or to saturated soils.
- (b) Fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus shall not be applied before seeding or sodding a site, and shall not be applied for the first thirty (30) days after seeding or sodding, except when hydro-seeding

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for temporary or permanent erosion control in an emergency situation (wildfire, etc), or in accordance with the stormwater pollution prevention plan for that site.

Sec. 22-202. Fertilizer free zones.

Fertilizer shall not be applied within ten (10) feet, or three (3) feet if a deflector shield or drop spreader is used, of any pond, stream, water body, lake, canal, or wetland as defined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Chapter 62-340, Florida Administrative Code or from the top of a seawall or lake bulkhead. Newly planted turf or landscape plants may be fertilized in this zone only for a sixty (60) day period beginning thirty (30) days after planting if needed to allow the vegetation to become well established. Caution shall be used to prevent the direct deposit of fertilizer into the water.

Sec. 22-203. Fertilizer content and application rates.

- (a) Fertilizers applied to turf within the town shall be applied in accordance with requirements and directions provided by Rule 5E-1.003(2), Florida Administrative Code, Labeling Requirements For Urban Turf Fertilizers. Under Rule 5E-1.003(2), Florida Administrative Code, required application rate and frequency maximums, which vary by plant and turf types, are found on the labeled fertilizer bag or container.
- (b) Nitrogen or phosphorus fertilizer shall not be applied to turf or landscape plants except as provided in section (a) above for turf, or in UF/IFAS recommendations for landscape plants, vegetable gardens, and fruit trees and shrubs, unless a soil or tissue deficiency has been verified by an approved test.
- (c) Fertilizer used for sports turf at golf courses shall be applied in accordance with the recommendations in "Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Environmental Quality on Florida Golf Courses", published by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, dated January 2007, as may be amended. Fertilizer used at park or athletic fields shall be applied in accordance with Rule 5E-1.003(2), Florida Administrative Code.

Sec. 22-204. Fertilizer application practices.

(a) As required in section 22-202 of this article, spreader deflector shields shall be used when fertilizing via rotary (broadcast) spreaders. Deflectors must be positioned such that fertilizer granules are deflected away from all impervious surfaces, fertilizer-free zones and water bodies, including wetlands. Any fertilizer applied, spilled, or

deposited, either intentionally or accidentally, on any impervious surface shall be immediately and completely removed to the greatest extent practicable.

- (b) Fertilizer released on an impervious surface must be immediately contained and either legally applied to turf or any other legal site, or returned to the original or other appropriate container.
- (c) In no case shall fertilizer be washed, swept, or blown off impervious surfaces into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, or water bodies.
- (d) Property owners and managers are encouraged to use an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy as currently recommended by the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service publications.

Sec. 22-205. Management of grass clippings and vegetative matter.

In no case shall grass clippings, vegetative material, and/or vegetative debris intentionally be washed, swept, or blown on to or into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, wetlands, sidewalks or roadways. Vegetative material may be placed within the roadway right-of-way, but not over the storm drains, for pickup by the town's vegetative waste hauler.

Sec. 22-206. Exemptions.

The provisions of this article shall not apply to:

- (a) Bona fide farm operations as defined in the Florida Right-to-Farm Act, Section 823.14, Florida Statutes;
- (b) Other properties not subject to or covered under the Florida Right-to-Farm Act that have pastures used for grazing livestock; and
- (c) Any lands used for bona fide scientific research, including, but not limited to, research on the effects of fertilizer use on urban stormwater, water quality, agronomics, or horticulture.

Sec. 22-207. Training.

(a) All commercial and institutional applicators of fertilizer within Palm Beach County shall abide by and successfully complete the six-hour training program in the "Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries" offered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through the University of

Florida/Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service "Florida-Friendly Landscapes" program or an approved equivalent program.

(b) Non-commercial and non-institutional applicators not otherwise required to be certified, such as private citizens on their own residential property, are encouraged to follow the recommendations of the University of Florida/IFAS "Florida-Friendly Landscape Program" and label instructions when applying fertilizers.

Sec. 22-208. Licensing of commercial applicators.

- (a) All businesses applying fertilizer to turf or landscape plants (including, but not limited to, residential lawns, golf courses, commercial properties, and multi-family and condominium properties) must ensure that the business owner or his/her designee holds the appropriate "Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries" training certificate prior to the business owner obtaining a business tax receipt. Owners for any category of occupation which may apply any fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants shall provide proof of completion of the program to the town. It is the responsibility of the business owner to maintain the "Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries" certificate to receive a business tax receipt annually.
- (b) After December 31, 2013, all commercial applicators of fertilizer within the town shall have and carry in their possession at all times when applying fertilizer, evidence of certification by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services as a commercial fertilizer applicator per Rule 5E-14.117(18), Florida Administrative Code.
- (c) After December 31, 2012, all businesses applying fertilizer to turf and/or landscape plants (including, but not limited to, residential lawns, golf courses, commercial properties and multi-family and condominium properties) must ensure that at least one (1) employee has an appropriate "Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries" training certificate prior to the business owner obtaining a business tax receipt.

Sec. 22-209. Enforcement; penalties; appeals.

(a) Enforcement. The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the town's code enforcement special magistrate pursuant to the authority granted by Section 162.01, Florida Statutes, et seq., as may be amended, and the town through its authority to enjoin and fine any person violating its code. The town may pursue these or any other enforcement remedies available to the town under state law.

- (b) Penalties. Failure to comply with the requirements of this article shall constitute a violation of this article and each new day the violation exists shall be considered a separate and distinct offense. Fines shall be determined by considering the factors set forth in Section 162.09, Florida Statutes, as may be amended, and shall not exceed the amounts authorized by state law.
- (c) <u>Disposition of penalty funds</u>. Funds generated by penalties imposed pursuant to this article shall be used by the town for the administration and enforcement of Section 403.9337, Florida Statutes, and the corresponding sections of this article, and to further water conservation and non-point pollution prevention activities.
- (d) <u>Appeals</u>. Appeals of administrative orders of the special magistrate shall be as provided under state law, and as further set forth in section 2-51 of the town code.
- **Section 3.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of the Town of Hypoluxo, Florida.
- **Section 4.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, inoperative or void, such holding shall not affect the remainder of the Ordinance.
- **Section 5.** All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolution, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
 - Section 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption

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members of the public.

If a person, decides, to tappeal, any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the subject meeting, he or she will need to ensure that at verbatim record of the proceedings is made which record shall include the testimony ended evidence upon which the decision is based. (F.S. 286,0105). In accordance based (F.S. 286,0105), in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. with the Americans will bisabilities. Act any person who may require special accommodation to abardelpate in this meeting should contact the rown clerk's office at 682-0165 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

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