

Agenda Item 23-0538 (Lewis Kuhlman)

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 10-49(2) b.4 and to amend Section 115-398 (a) (4) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse to allow changes to the fences required for certain beer gardens.

General Location

Citywide

Background Information

The intent of this ordinance is to allow for a taller fence for beer gardens that include volleyball and pickleball courts to keep the ball in the playing area. Sec. 115-39(a) is the part of the zoning code that regulates fence height, including around sports' courts or fields. It does not address volleyball or pickle ball. It only addresses softball, baseball, and tennis, so it may need to be amended each time a different sport needs a fence. For beer gardens fences, though, Sec. 10-49(2)b. regulates their height.

Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions

None

Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan

Fence height is not addressed in the comprehensive plan. This ordinance may support objectives for safe recreational activities, improving land use compatibility with screening.

Staff Recommendation

Approval—This ordinance has the potential to increase physical activity and promote safety.

Sec. 115-398 could be amended to encompass all sport that may necessitate fences “erected in conformance with accepted industry standards.”

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