



## CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA

### CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Date:** April 5, 2022

**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

**From:** B. Francis, City Manager

**Subject:** Ordinance to place a moratorium on the use of artificial turf in Residential Districts

**Background:** Many homeowners are turning to artificial turf as a means of replacing all or part of their existing lawns with a similar green surface that does not require irrigation or maintenance. The City has received code enforcement complaints regarding installation of artificial turf without a permit. Other residents have inquired about the approval process to install artificial turf.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recently heard from a resident who recently installed artificial turf in her back yard. Since artificial turf is not specifically prohibited in the code, there are many residents who are installing artificial turf because they believe if it's not mentioned in the Code, then it's acceptable. The Planning and Zoning Commission briefly discussed artificial turf; however the Commission would like additional time to research this issue before making a recommendation to Council.

At the last meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission requested that the City Council put a 6 month moratorium on the installation of artificial turf until they could make a determination if artificial turf should be allowed and included in the Land Development Code.

**Staff Recommendation:** The staff supports the moratorium and will provide information to the P&Z Commission regarding artificial turf and any limitations on its use, if approved.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that we direct the City Attorney to finalize the Ordinance to place a 6-month moratorium on the use of artificial turf.

**Alternatives:** Do not adopt the moratorium

**Fiscal Impact:** None

**Attachments:** Draft Moratorium Ordinance