

CITY OF BELLE SLE, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 4, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: Rick J. Rudometkin, City Manager

Subject: **1st Reading** of Ordinance 26-04 - Artificial Turf

Background:

The Legislature passed a new statute (included below - Sec. 125.572) last year to preempt cities and counties on the regulation of artificial turf installations. The preemption was effectively delayed until FDEP adopted a rule on the requirements for installation of artificial intelligence turf. FDEP recently adopted the attached Rule 62-308.100 on artificial turf. For your consideration, attached is an ordinance amending the City's artificial turf regulations of the code to be consistent with the requirements of the FDEP rule. P&Z voted to move this forward for adoption.

125.572 Regulation of synthetic turf:

- (1) As used in this section, the term "synthetic turf" means a manufactured product that resembles natural grass and is used as a surface for landscaping and recreational areas.
- (2) The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt minimum standards for the installation of synthetic turf on single-family residential properties 1 acre or less in size. The standards must take into account material type, color, permeability, stormwater management, potable water conservation, water quality, proximity to trees and other vegetation, and other factors impacting environmental conditions of adjacent properties.
- (3) Upon the Department of Environmental Protection adopting rules pursuant to subsection (4), a local government may not:
 - (a) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that prohibits, or is enforced to prohibit, a property owner from installing synthetic turf that complies with Department of Environmental Protection standards adopted pursuant to this section which apply to single-family residential property.
 - (b) Adopt or enforce any ordinance, resolution, order, rule, or policy that regulates synthetic turf which is inconsistent with the Department of Environmental Protection standards adopted pursuant to this section which apply to single-family residential property.
- (4) The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Staff Recommendation:

1st reading of Ordinance 26-04.

Suggested Motion: **None**

1st reading of Ordinance 26-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 50, CITY OF BELLE ISLE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING SECTION 50-78 GOVERNING ARTIFICIAL TURF REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF IMPERVIOUS AND PERVIOUS ARTIFICIAL TURF;

PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Alternatives: None

Fiscal Impact: No change

Attachments:

Resolution 26-04

62-308.100 Synthetic Turf