



CITY OF BELLE ISLE, FLORIDA

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: April 19, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

From: B. Francis, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance 22-06, Moratorium on Installation of Artificial Turf

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. Right now, because the code is relatively silent, staff issued a determination that allows for artificial turf, but requires it to be permitted and the specifications reviewed. It is being determined if it should be counted as pervious or impervious.

The Planning and Zoning Commission recently heard from a resident who installed artificial turf in her back yard. Currently there is nothing in the Code that prohibits artificial turf. 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 read Ordinance 22-06 for the second time at the May 3, 3022 meeting and adopt the moratorium on artificial turf at that time.

Alternatives: Do not adopt the moratorium

Fiscal Impact: None

Attachments: Ordinance 22-06