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| | | | | Review of Artifici | al Turf Among Flor | ida-Based Planners | | | | | |
| 0 1911 | Question 1: How many requests have you received for installing artificial turf on residential lots? | Question 2: Who would enforce the standards for maintaining artificial grass in compliance with Code? | Question 3: How would the LCD for artificial turf be enforced? By Building Inspectors or Code Enforcement? | Question 4: What problems have you witnessed regarding artificial turf? | Question 5: Who would inspect the turf as it is being installed? | Question 6: What comments or concerns were/are expressed about this LCD? | Question 7: Are planners content with the proposed permitting process and code language for artificial turf? | been well-received by the | Question 9: f Have residents installed the product, then removed it afterward? | Question 10: Does the LDC have other landscaping options available for residential districts? | Addition |
| Orlando, Florida | N/A | Code Enforcement. | Code Enforcement during the permitting process. | It's a sustainability issue. No natural landscaping turf car cause a heat island effect and urban heat. It is a growing concern for keeping bugs and ecosystem healthy. There's an aestetics issue, where the artificial turf may become rumpled, if not installed well. Artificial turf does not meet context of a subtropical climate. There were half a dozen problematic cases. | | With reference to Staff Analysis: product has oil, it's similar to pavement, having to replace and toss the material due to heat and heavy rainfall. Example: On Robinson St. artificial turf was installed in dry retention pond. | Generally, yes. Unless someone is not in compliance with code and doe not file a permit. It is not sustainable in humid, subtropical environment. | I think so, to address complaints coming from s neighbors. | Yes, in accordance with Code Enforcement, and meeting the City's Landscaping Code. Applicants are required to maintain certain number of trees, submit landscape plan, and ISR requirements | 60% max of pervious area. Minimum amount of trees (2) based on the size of the lot. | |
| • | Estimated 10 in the past 12 months. | Zoning upon approval, Code | N/A | None at this time. | After it is installed- Zoning. | N/A | No. | N/A | None at this time | N/A | |
| | About 1-2 per year | There are no standards. It is treated like pavement. | Code enforcement if necessary. | None. The literature on the topic is compelling. | Nobody. | None. | Yes. | N/A | N/A | It is not landscaping. It is hardscape like a pool deck. | We have time. We Public We impervio |
| Surfside, Florida | | | | | | | If an Applicant can comply with | | | | |
| | | The Town Code provides guidance for installing synthetic turf however the requirements are somewhat | Currently cited by the Code | Approximately 25 properties installed synthetic turf without | t. | The Town Code does not give any credit for synthetic turf | landscape and pervious area requirements with natural landscape material, then the remains area can use synthetic | The Town Commission in the | | The Town is supportive of Florida Friendly landscape material. | |
| | 1-2 requests per month | difficult to comply with. | Enforcement Department. | permitting | N/A | being pervious. | turf. | of synthetic turf. | | | |

Overview: Based on the interviews, there is a relatively low and steady demand for artificial turf among residential properties. The Code Enforcement department among the Florida municipalities typically oversees the final implementation and maintenance of the synthetic product after its installment, and issues citations if not secured and preserved. Each respondent cited historical and environmental issues regarding artificial turf for its impact on the community's permitting process, neighborhood aesthetic, allowable impervious area for a singular lot, and residential landscaping options. An artificial turf ordinance was driven by "the people" and complaints were filed against unpermitted or unkept artificial turf installations.