



Meeting Name: Planning and Zoning Board
Meeting Date: June 10, 2024
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Item Title: Ordinance 787 – Artificial Turf Definition

DISCUSSION:

As part of the Planning and Zoning Board’s 2023 prioritized agenda item list, discussion on Artificial Turf, Town staff brought up the discussion on artificial turf for Board discussion at the February 2024 meeting. At the meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed the Town’s existing guidelines associated with lot coverage, drainage, and landscape requirements, and specifically the appearance of artificial turf. The Board made a motion to have staff propose a definition for the term *artificial turf* by referencing the Town of Palm Beach’s definition and incorporating verbiage that it resemble natural sod.

The Town of Palm Beach defines artificial turf as “ a product manufactured from synthetic materials that simulates the appearance of natural turf, grass, sod or lawn.”

At the February 28th, 2024, Town Council meeting, Council gave unanimous consensus to have staff propose a definition for *artificial turf* based on the Town of Palm Beach’s definition and incorporate verbiage requiring it resemble natural sod.

Town staff is proposing to modify Code Section 34-4 . - Definitions to add the following (additional language is underlined and deleted language is ~~stricken through~~):

Artificial turf is a product manufactured from synthetic materials that simulates the color, appearance and height of natural turf, grass, sod, or lawn. Artificial turf is not considered landscaping and shall not count toward a property’s minimum landscaping or minimum landscaped open space requirement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Planning and Zoning Board review proposed Ordinance No. 787 and provide a recommendation to Town Council.

Attachment(s):

- Proposed Ordinance No. 787.