



NORTH OGDEN CITY

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Staff Report to the North Ogden Planning Commission

SYNOPSIS / APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application Request: Public Hearing on a legislative application to consider Water Wise Landscaping amendment to the Title 11 Land Use Code.
Agenda Date: April 3, 2024
Applicant: Planning Department
File Number: ZTA 2024-04

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Mailed Notice: N/A
Newspaper: N/A
City Website: March 29, 2024

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APPLICABLE ORDINANCES

11-20: LANDSCAPING

LEGISLATIVE DECISION

When the City is considering a legislative matter, the Planning Commission is acting as a recommending body to the City Council. The City has wide discretion in taking legislative action. Examples of legislative actions are general plan, zoning map, and land use text amendments. Legislative actions require that the Planning Commission give a recommendation to the City Council. Typically, the criteria for making a decision, related to a legislative matter, require compatibility with the general plan and existing codes.

BACKGROUND

City Council heard a presentation from the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District in their meeting on March 12, 2024. Mayor Berube asked staff to present information on Water Wise Landscaping Ordinance changes that would allow North Ogden City residents to participate in incentive programs to remove turf grass and replace it with less water consumptive landscaping. Staff held a Work Session with Planning Commission on March 20, 2024, and has updated information from Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, including an existing ordinance from Kaysville City that addresses water wise landscaping.

ANALYSIS

Staff spoke with Weber Basin Water Conservancy District about specific ordinance language and the city's responsibilities regarding water wise landscaping and eligibility for the landscaping rebate program. North Ogden City will need to place restrictions on landscaping within single-family home developments, multi-family home developments, and commercial to meet the requirements of the program. Staff has included Kaysville City's ordinance for the Planning Commission's review.

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission conduct the public hearing, consider the information, and make a recommendation to the City Council on approval, denial, or amendments to the provided ordinance language.

EXHIBITS

- A. Weber Basin Water Conservancy District – Water Wise Presentation
- B. Kaysville City Landscaping Ordinance