



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

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| MEETING NAME: | City Council Meeting |
| MEETING DATE: | May 20, 2024 |
| ITEM TITLE: | Consider and take appropriate action on discussion of amendment to the Wolfforth Code of Ordinances, Article 14.04.018 Landscaping Standards. |
| STAFF INITIATOR: | Tara Tomlinson, Director of Development Services |

BACKGROUND:

Recently, the City of Wolfforth has seen an increase in commercial buildings being developed. Along with building standards, developers must submit landscaping plans based on our requirements. While reviewing our current requirements, the staff believes that it does not align with the City of Wolfforth's Water Conservation Plan.

City's staff is recommending the following revisions to the current landscaping standards ordinance:

- a. Purpose:** defining the purpose specifically to incorporate our goal of conserving water while maintaining the integrity of the property.
- b. Applicability:** No Change
- c. Landscaping Requirements:** Define type of areas within a property and the total square footage of the site requiring landscaping.
- d. Irrigation:** Define what methods are preferred in landscaping.
- e. Plant material required:** Suggested low-irrigation ideas for landscaping. Also, includes a list of plants that will be appropriate for our environment.
- f. Landscaping Plan:** Clarification on language.
- g. Maintenance:** This is a new section that outlines the expectations of a commercial or industrial property over time.
- h. Exceptions:** A revision to the second statement will allow city staff to make provisions administratively that are not included in our current ordinances but maintain the integrity of the city.

Tuesday May 14, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission made the following suggestions:

- Under the section (d) Irrigation- add the word "Only" in front of "non-aerial" on sentence two.
- Under the section (e) Plant material required section (2)- Remove bullet (8)- trees will be allowed by not required.

EXHIBITS:

1. Summary of Revisions with PZ recommendations included.
2. Rewrite of Article 14.04.018: Landscaping Standards

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss recommended amendments to Article 14.04.018 Landscaping Standards. Take one of the following actions:

1. Approve changes as recommended and then hold a public hearing.
2. Approve changes with revisions and then hold a public hearing.
3. Cancel Public Hearing and advise staff of future steps.