



Legislation Text

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Agenda Item: 11(A)2	Prepared By: Daniel J. Smith, AICP, Director
Business: Ordinance - Second Reading	Department: Growth Management

Subject:

Ordinance - Second Reading - Change to Section 30-435 to add a Section Regarding Synthetic Turf Material and Installation Standards

BACKGROUND:

DESCRIPTION:

The City Council had asked the Planning Board to review the use of “synthetic turf” which is currently prohibited in the Land Development Code but allowed through the City as an approved ground cover pursuant to Resolution 15-23, adopted on March 16, 2015. In light of the previously approved resolution, Staff is of the opinion that the language should be codified into the City’s Land Development Code. The proposed draft ordinance is below for your review.

Staff researched other government agencies, and found that most have similar language as the City’s current Resolution. One key element that is not clear is the use of sythetic turf and its environmental impacts. Storm water runoff and heat gain seem to be the major factors that may have negetative effects.

PLANNING BOARD:

The Planning Board heard this item. There was discussion regarding language and formatting, perviousness of synthetic turf installation, percentage slope and stormwater runoff, areas on a single-family lot allowed for synthetic turf, heat gain, the use of sports fields, landscape screening, and installation standards.

The Planning Board voted 7-0 to add a section in the Land Development Code allowing for synthetic turf based on the proposed ordinance. A section was also included regarding the use of sports fields and their requirements.

CITY COUNCIL - FIRST READING:

The City Council heard this item on November 1, 2021, as the First Reading. There was little discussion. The City Council voted 7-0 to approve the Ordinance as drafted.

FUNDING SOURCE / FISCAL IMPACT: N / A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Ordinance 21-18.

POTENTIAL MOTION:

Move to approve Ordinance 21-18.