



ERIE
COLORADO

Proposed UDC Changes to Title 10

Town Council

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Request

Amendments to Title 10 regarding turf and landscaping



Overview

- **Background**
- Proposal
- Decision



Background

State law requires municipalities prohibit non-functional turf, artificial turf and invasive plant species from being installed on “applicable properties”:

- Commercial, Institutional, or Industrial;
- Property within a common interest community;
- Rights of way, parking lots, medians, or transportation corridors;
- A multifamily building containing 12 or more units



Background

State law defines functional turf as:

“Turf that is located in a recreational use area or other space that is regularly used for civic, community or recreational purposes, which may include playgrounds; sports fields; picnic grounds; amphitheaters; portions of parks; and the playing areas of golf courses, such as driving ranges, chipping and putting greens, tee boxes, greens fairways, and roughs.”



Background

- Nonfunctional turf includes turf located in a street right-of-way, parking lot, median, or transportation corridor.
- The use of native grass and grass hybridized for arid conditions is still allowed on “applicable property.”



Proposal

- Prohibit invasive species, nonfunctional turf, and nonfunctional artificial turf on applicable properties
- Allow grass seed or sod that is native or has been hybridized for arid conditions
- Correct various code section references
- Update and add definitions to align with State law



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Approval Criteria – 10-7-18

- a. The proposed amendment will promote the public health, safety, and general welfare;
- b. The proposed amendment is generally consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Master Plan and the stated purposes of this UDC; and
- c. The proposed amendment is necessary or desirable because of changing conditions, new planning concepts, or other social or economic conditions.



Public Notice

Neighborhood Meeting: Not Applicable

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice was published in the Daily Times Call on May 22, 2026



Next Steps

Implementation of Communications Plan



Staff Recommendation

Adoption of Ordinance

Amending Chapters 6 and 11 of Title 10 of the Erie Municipal Code Regarding Landscaping



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