Public Hearing 6 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits. The City Commission will conduct these public hearings in its dual capacity as Local Planning Agency and City Commission.
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City of Boynton Beach
Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 05/ 6/2025

Proposed Ordinance No. 25-003- Second Reading, An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City Of Boynton Beach, Florida, Amending Part III 'Land Development Regulations," Chapter 1 "General Administration," Article II "Definitions;" amending Chapter 2 "Land Development Process," Article II "Planning and Zoning Division Services," Section 5 "Permit Applications;" amending Chapter 3 "Zoning," Article V "Supplemental Regulations," Section 3 "Common Building Appurtenances, Freestanding Structures and Site Amenities, Excluding Walls and Fences;" amending Chapter 4 "Site Development Standards," Article VIII "Utility Infrastructure Design Standards," Section 3 "Standards;" Establishing Regulations for artificial turf; providing for codification; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date.

Requested Action: Staff recommends approval of Proposed Ordinance No. 25-003, at second reading.

Explanation of Request:

There has been a steady increase in desire to incorporate the use of the artificial turf within the City. The City Commission directed staff to review options to permit the use and establish standards for the use of artificial turf. On November 4, 2024, staff presented a review of findings summarizing how various municipalities regulate artificial turf.

Staff's research showed that several cities, including Greenacres, Jupiter, and Palm Springs, have banned artificial turf entirely, while others, like Delray Beach, Lake Worth, Wellington, and West Palm Beach, allow it only in rear and side yards. Staff also found that ensuring proper drainage and minimizing environmental impacts were the primary concern of the artificial turf use. To mitigate potential issues related to the site drainage and long-term maintenance, staff recommends clear standards, including permit requirements, drainage compliance, and manufacturing and installation.

The proposed amendment is drafted based on the review of best practices and the general direction given by the City Commissioner at the November 4, 2024 City Commission meeting.

The City's current Land Development Regulations (LDRs) do not address the use of artificial turf or the associated review process. Staff proposes this amendment to define "artificial turf," establish its application process and requirements, identify prohibited locations, and set forth standards for installation and maintenance. This amendment is proposed to allow and regulate the use of artificial turf in the City.

Staff recommends approval of the subject amendments to the Land Development Regulations to allow and establish standards for the use of artificial turf.

How will this affect city programs or services? N/A

Account Line Item and Description: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments:
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Staff Report
Exhibit A _ Artificial Turf
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