



City Commission **agenda item**

item type Public Hearings	meeting date March 24, 2021
prepared by Allison McGillis	approved by Bronce Stephenson, Michelle Neuner, Randy Knight
board approval Completed	
strategic objective	

subject

Request of the City of Winter Park for:

item list

- An Ordinance to establish regulations regarding artificial turf. (1st Reading)

motion / recommendation

Staff and Planning & Zoning Board recommendation is for approval of the Ordinance.

background

The City is proposing an amendment to the Zoning Code to provide specific regulations for the types of artificial turf which will be considered as pervious or impervious and providing standards for the installation and maintenance of pervious artificial turf.

Background

The City staff has been challenged with an increase in the number of permits for the installation of artificial turf and the challenges in determining the degree to which these products after installation function as pervious or impervious surfaces. The City staff has held a number of work sessions with the P&Z Board discussing the variety of artificial turf products, the methods of installation and maintenance and how the different products and installation applications result in a large disparity in the degree to which they function as pervious surfaces.

The end result of the time spent with the P&Z Board on this topic has resulted in an ordinance which clearly defines the types of artificial turf that can be considered as pervious (backing of a woven material versus solid with periodic holes) and the method and base upon which it is installed in order to function as a pervious surface. The

ordinance also includes maintenance requirements in order to continue to function as a pervious surface.

Planning & Zoning Board Minutes from March 2, 2021:

- ZTA #21-01. Request of the City of Winter Park for: An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Code to establish regulations for artificial turf including definitions, standards for pervious artificial turf and maintenance requirements.

Mr. Briggs provided a brief summary of the ZTA #21-01 request to the Board. Mr. Briggs reminded the Board that the ordinance had been reviewed and discussed between the Board and Staff at prior work sessions and revised accordingly. He noted that clear specifications were added to identify and define pervious and impervious turfs and the installation and maintenance guidelines for both.

Staff recommendation was for approval.

Mr. Fitch inquired about the frequency of maintenance required for the artificial turf and how it would be enforced. Mr. Briggs addressed Mr. Fitch's inquiry and referenced the maintenance condition in the ordinance and advised that the frequency would be specified in the turf installation agreement required by the ordinance. Mr. Stephenson noted that the frequency of maintenance would depend on the type of turf installed and the installer's guidelines. City Attorney Dan Langley recommended being cautious about creating a one-size-fits-all condition in the ordinance as the varied products may have different maintenance requirements.

No one from the public wished to speak. The public hearing was closed.

Motion made by Michael Spencer, seconded by Richard James, for approval of an Ordinance to amend the Zoning Code to establish regulations for artificial turf including definitions, standards for pervious artificial turf and maintenance requirements.

Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

[alternatives / other considerations](#)

[fiscal impact](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

[Ord. for Artificial Turf Regulations.pdf](#)