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From: David Glenn <david@hbaaustin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Klein, Jan
Cc: Taggart, Tom
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Proposed ordinance changes

Hi Jan,

Our engineers have had a look at the ordinance and gave it the thumbs up. We would be happy to meet with you or anyone else at the City to discuss our thoughts on the ordinance or answer any specific questions y'all may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out!

Best,
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Hi David,
I have attached the draft ordinance revisions in case you would like to review them before providing comments. As I mentioned, we are still early in the process and these will be going to the Sustainability Committee for review in October.
Thanks,
Jan



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Thank you David for getting back to us so quickly. We are still early in the process and the ordinance amendments are in draft form. I do not have an exact timeline for adoption, but would estimate sometime in the next 3-4 months. The Sustainability Committee will be reviewing the amendments at the next meeting which should be in early October. If you would like to provide any comments in writing we would be happy to forward them on to the Committee. After their approval, the ordinance still needs to go to the Planning and Zoning Commission and to the City Council for approval.

Thanks so much for your input.

Jan



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Hey Jan,

Thank you for reaching out and we're happy to hear that our guide has been helpful to the City. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to serve as a stakeholder on this initiative. Do y'all have a timeline for adoption? Is the ordinance still in draft?

Best,

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Subject: Proposed ordinance changes

Hello:

I am reaching out regarding ordinance changes we are considering in San Marcos. Like most of the State of Texas, San Marcos is growing rapidly, and we have limited water resources that must accommodate our rapidly growing population into the future. In looking for ways to stretch our water resources, it has become apparent that conservation related to landscaping and irrigation will play an important role. A large portion of our water resources are being used to irrigate turf grass in new developments. The standard for landscaping these new homes is mostly turf grass with a small bed by the front door and a few trees. Almost all of the new homes come standard with an Irrigation system. We have reviewed the Home Builders Association Sensible Landscaping guide and feel the guidance it provides makes a lot of sense, and would therefore like to implement it in our community.

The proposed ordinance changes would limit the amount of turf grass used in new development. Turf grass is defined as “a surface layer of soil bound by grass and its roots into a thick mat that requires regular maintenance, mowing and watering”, which would typically require irrigation system installation and usage. Based on the HBA guide, turf grass in new homes would be limited to no more than 50% of the landscaped area. Turf grass in all other new developments would be limited to 25% of the total landscaped area. The proposed amendments would also require at least 6 inches of soil and use of drought-tolerant turf grass species, in accordance with the HBA guide.

We would love to have your input and ideas on these proposed amendments as well as your support to implement these in our community.

I am available to discuss this topic with you if you have any questions. You can reach me at the below contact number or through return email. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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