

RESOLUTION 15-034

RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES  
RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE  
ZONING CODE AMENDMENT 15-004  
AMENDING SECTION 21.22.B,  
LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION ORDINANCE (TURF REVISION)

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WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015, the City Council approved for first reading the Draft Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO) for first reading, and scheduled second reading for December 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, as part of the motion to adopt the Ordinance, the City Council directed Staff to prepare an amendment to the Ordinance that would allow for the option to install up to 25-percent of turf in new and rehabilitated single family residential front yards, subject to complying with the water use and irrigation documentation requirements; and

WHEREAS, at a meeting held on December 8, 2015, the Planning Commission took the following actions regarding this ordinance:

- a. Considered the facts and analysis, as presented in the staff report prepared for this project;
- b. Held a public hearing to obtain public testimony on the proposed ordinance amendment;
- c. Recommended that the City Council approve Zoning Code Amendment 15-004 to add the turf provision for front yards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles recommends as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 21.22B.040.C, Turf Limitations for New Construction and Rehabilitated Landscapes is amended, as follows (**added language in bold/underlined**):

C. Single Family Residences

1. Turf grass installed with spray irrigation shall be prohibited in residential front yard and street side yards, and shall be limited to 25 percent of the landscaped area in back and side yards. **Exception: subject to preparation of the Landscape Documentation Package listed in Section 21.22B.050.B, and complying with the water use requirements, turf grass can be installed in front yards up to 25 percent of the landscaped area.**
2. The common areas in residential subdivisions (including landscape and lighting districts) shall be planted with water conserving plant species irrigated with drip irrigation. (Excluding active play areas such as ball fields, playgrounds, and picnic areas).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of El Paso de Robles, does hereby recommend that the City Council grant approval of Zoning Code Amendment 15-004, to add the front yard turf provision.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015 by the following Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Barth, Cooper, Burgett, Donaldson, Vanderlip

NOES: None

ABSENT: Rollins, Brennan

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

  
WARREN FRACE, SECRETARY OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

  
VINCE VANDERLIP, CHAIRMAN