

TOWN OF MONUMENT

ORDINANCE 23-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17.52.040 – LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined it to be reasonable and necessary to amend the Municipal Code regarding Landscaping Requirements; and

WHEREAS, such amendments are in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Monument.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF MONUMENT AS FOLLOWS:

17.52.040 – Landscaping Requirements

D. Existing Vegetation. The removal of existing trees shall be prohibited except at the discretion of the Director of Development Services. All trees removed greater than two inches in diameter shall be replaced by trees of an equal caliper to the tree removed on a 2:1 basis. Trees that are listed as noxious by the United States Department of Agriculture or the Colorado Department of Agriculture can be removed without complying with the requirements of this Section.

E.3 The landscaping plan shall include an irrigation plan pursuant to Town requirements, or in cases where a water source is not available to a site, a statement from the property owner that manual watering will be conducted until landscaping is established, along with a schedule for manual watering by the property owner.

E.4.a. Turf areas may consist of Bluegrass or drought-tolerant Improved Tall Fescue (e.g., Rhizomatous Tall Fescue or approved alternate) varieties, which may cover a maximum of twenty-five (25) percent of the lot's pervious area.

E.5 As a water conservation measure, no turf grasses of any kind are permitted for any new non-residential properties. For all landscaped areas in non-residential developments, a combination of wood and/or decorative rock mulch, trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses, and ground cover shall be installed. Non-irrigated native grasses may be considered, provided they cover a maximum of twenty-five percent of a non-residential site's pervious area, and as long as the grass areas are initially irrigated to establish the grasses, and the species of grasses are demonstrated to be able to survive without irrigation after the initial establishment period. The Director of Development Services, in certain situations, may allow areas of turf grass where it is

desired for certain uses, provided that there is adequate water to serve the site pursuant to the Town's water demand regulations.

For mulch and rock areas, a minimum of 12 shrubs and/or ornamental grasses per 100 square feet, 12 ground cover plants per 100 square feet, and one deciduous, ornamental, or evergreen tree per 625 square feet shall be required to be planted. These requirements are additional to any other landscaping requirements contained in this chapter. All species shall conform to the specifications contained in this chapter.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2014 by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Monument by a vote of 7 for and 0 against.

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Rafael Dominguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Sirochman, Town Clerk