

THE CITY OF
MOAB



EST. 1902

Zoning Text Amendment Matrix for Water-Efficient Landscaping

[Municipal Code Analysis 17.04.070](#)

| Section | Code Provision | Compliance | Rationale |
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| 17.04.070 | Text Amendment Approval Criteria | | |
| 17.04.070 .A | Is the proposed use substantially similar to other authorized uses permitted within the subject zoning district? | Complies | All properties within the Moab jurisdiction require landscaping the front yard. |
| 17.04.070.B | Is the proposed use a relatively new use type or development concept that was not anticipated at the time of the adoption of the City's General Plan? | Complies | The General Plan anticipated the need for water conservation and encourages it as a part of the Landscape Ordinance re-write. |
| 17.04.070.C | Is the amendment consistent with the policies and goals of the General Plan ? | Complies | <p>The Moab City General Plan outlines that the new landscape ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Implement strategies for water conservation while maintaining a high quality of life through plants and landscaping design. •Cutting down on water waste by implementing ways to landscape with drought tolerant plants and use less amounts of turf grass that has the potential to use high amounts of water . •Irrigating more efficiently by using drip systems, limiting time of day to water plants and alternative water sources . |
| 17.67.040.D | Will the amendment create significant adverse impacts upon neighboring properties within or adjacent to the zoning districts which would be affected by the change? | Complies | The ordinance rewrite will encourage water conversation and use landscaping as a barrier between non-compatible uses by requiring more robust landscape buffers and screening requirements. |
| 17.67.040.E | Is it in the public interest to approve the proposed amendment? | Complies | Re-writing the landscape ordinance to protect our natural water resources and to require landscaping which includes elements such as drought tolerant species and tactics to mitigate erosion and Urban heat island effects will improve the quality of life for the community. |
| 17.67.040.F | Is the amendment likely to lead to a positive redevelopment of a specific area or zone? | Complies | The landscaping ordinance will protect existing development and require new development to have more appropriate vegetation for Moab climate . |
| 17.67.040.G | Will the amendment provide a variety of options for residents in terms of economic development, affordable housing, or other benefits? | Complies | The Water Efficient landscaping is written in a tiered form depending on the size and scope of development. |
| 17.67.040.H | Is the amendment appropriate considering the existing conditions in the zoning district, the established relationships between zoning districts, existing land uses and densities, and the scale of both existing and proposed development? | Complies | The proposed landscape ordinance is appropriate for an arid climate such as Moab. It will allow for City beautification through landscape design, but conserve and protect Moab's environmental resources. |
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