



CITY SPOTLIGHT

The newsletter of the City of Moab, Utah

June 2023

1-7 2023 City Election Candidate Declaration Deadline

Candidates must file in person at the City Recorder's Office (see story on page 2 for details)

8 City Planning Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

10 Moab ArtWalk

5 - 8 p.m., Downtown Moab

13 City Council Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

14 MARC Art Class

Introduction to Drawing with Anna Bruno

16 Arts & Ag Market

Featuring Family-Friendly Dark Skies Themed Activities & Info on the City's Proposed Water-Efficient Landscaping Ordinance
5 p.m. to dusk, Swanny City Park

19 Juneteenth Federal Holiday

City offices are closed

22 City Planning Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

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City Residents Invited to Submit Comments, Complete Survey on Proposed Water-Efficient Landscaping Ordinance

Water in Moab is precious and scarce. Moab's General and Water Conservation Plans both set goals for water management and conservation. One tool for pursuing those goals is an update to the city's landscaping code. In August of 2021, the City of Moab partnered with WaterNow Alliance and Western Resource Advocates to facilitate water conservation through a code update. The intention is to encourage landscapes that contribute to sustainability, resiliency, comfort, and safety.

Landscapes can contribute to a healthy community in numerous ways. They create points of interest and define adjacent zones and uses. Landscaping contributes to public safety, comfort, resiliency, and sustainability through the relief of heat, dust, water contaminants, noise, and glare. The form of the landscape can conserve water, preserve native vegetation, and prevent erosion.

The process of updating the city's code started with gathering information from city documents, City Council, and the Planning Commission. As the draft took form, the Planning Commission weighed in on sections related to screening and buffering and to sections on general landscaping. In May, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and tabled the update in favor of gathering more public input. Moab residents are invited to share their thoughts.

The major components of the update include:

- **Enhanced separations between land areas and uses would be required**, such as residential properties adjacent to commercial properties. These separations, also called buffering, include fences and plants.
- **New standards for landscapes would be implemented**. Lower-level projects could choose between prescriptive standards and a water budget. Higher-level projects would meet more standards and provide a water budget. These standards include:
 - ◆ Minimum of 25% live vegetation;
 - ◆ Trees in the right-of way;
 - ◆ Limits on artificial plants;
 - ◆ Approved plant list that could be expanded over time;
 - ◆ Limits on cool season turf;
 - ◆ Mulch requirements;
 - ◆ Water conservation measures for water features;
 - ◆ Grouping plants with similar water needs;
 - ◆ Efficient irrigation requirements in areas that have systems; and
 - ◆ A water budget option or requirement.
- **Existing landscapes would become legally non-conforming**. They would not immediately need to meet the new standards but would if the property required a city permit for modification.
- **Some types of landscapes would be exempt**, such as active recreation areas, cemeteries, special plant collections open to the public, restoration projects, and interior remodels, among others.

The [full draft of the code update and additional documents](#) are available from the most recent public hearing.

Submit written comments no later than June 21 by [completing this form](#).

Want more information? Visit the City Planning Staff's information table during the June 10 ArtWalk at the MARC, and the Arts & Ag Market on June 16.

Please let us know what you think by completing this

[FIVE QUESTION SURVEY](#) by June 21, 2023.

Candidates for Moab City 2023 Election Must File By June 7

Three Moab City Council seats will be up for election this year during the Nov. 7, 2023, general election. Moab residents interested in running for city council must file a declaration of candidacy during the first full week of June.

The candidate filing period opens Thursday, June 1 and continues through Wednesday, June 7, excluding Saturday and Sunday. Declarations of candidacy must be filed in person with the Moab City Recorder during the following times: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m and Friday 8 a.m. to noon.

Moab City offices close at noon on Fridays but candidates may arrange to file on Friday after 12 p.m. by calling 435-259-2683 to schedule an appointment with the City Recorder.

Declaration forms and additional information are available on the Moab city website at moabcity.org/Elections.

If necessary, a primary election will be held Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023, to narrow the field to six candidates.

The general election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023.

According to state law, all candidates must meet the following requirements:

- U.S. Citizen at the time of filing.
- Registered voter in the municipality for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. *Registered voter requirements can be found in Utah Code 20A-2-101 & 104.*
- Resident of Moab City for at least one year prior to the date of the election.

All city elected offices are at-large and non-partisan. Those elected to fill the open positions will be sworn in and take office on Jan. 2, 2024.

This election will be conducted by mail. Details are available at moabcity.org/Elections

For more information, contact the Moab City Recorder's Office at 435-259-2683.



Art & Community Events

Visit moabarts.org for info about Moab City arts events & programs

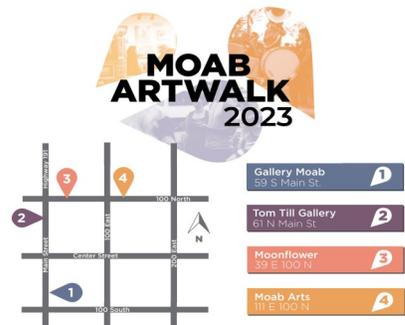
Moab ArtWalk

Saturday, June 10 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Participating galleries: Gallery Moab, Tom Till Gallery
Moonflower Co-Op, Moab Arts

Upcoming 2023 ArtWalk Dates

June 10 / September 9 / October 14 / November 11



Arts & Ag Market and More!

Arts & Ag takes place on the third Friday of the month, through August, at Swanny City Park (100 West 400 North) from 5 p.m. to dusk. The June market will be held June 16 and will feature Family-Friendly Dark Skies Themed Activities and information about the Proposed Water-Efficient Landscaping Ordinance.

The free, outdoor market features produce and artisan goods from local, regional, and visiting vendors.

This year, the markets align with some beloved community events at Swanny Park, such as Free Movie Moab and the Free Concert Series.