

Artificial Turf

**Proposed Ordinance
No. 9805-25
City Council
First Reading**

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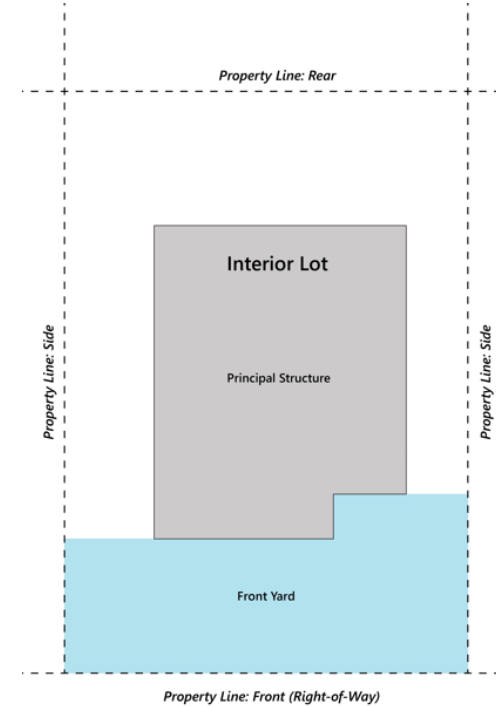


Why Artificial Turf?

- Artificial turf is becoming more popular.
- City code currently does not allow artificial turf.
- City Council directed staff to draft regulations to allow artificial turf.

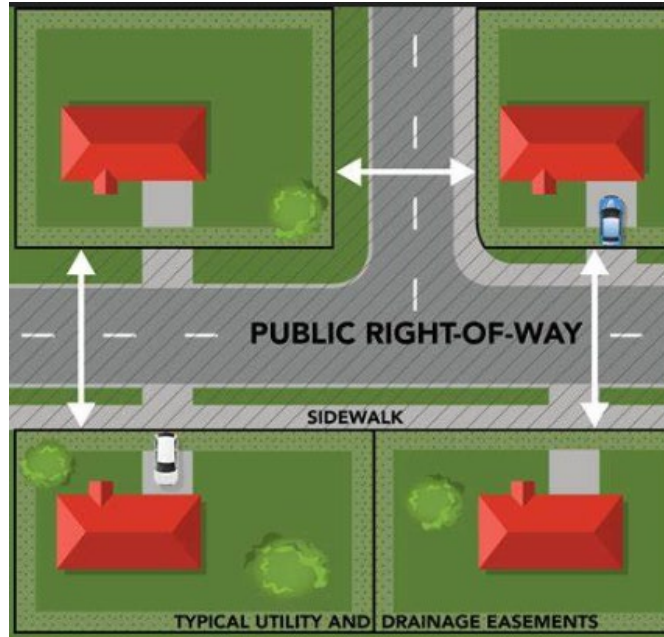
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Creating residential landscaped area requirement



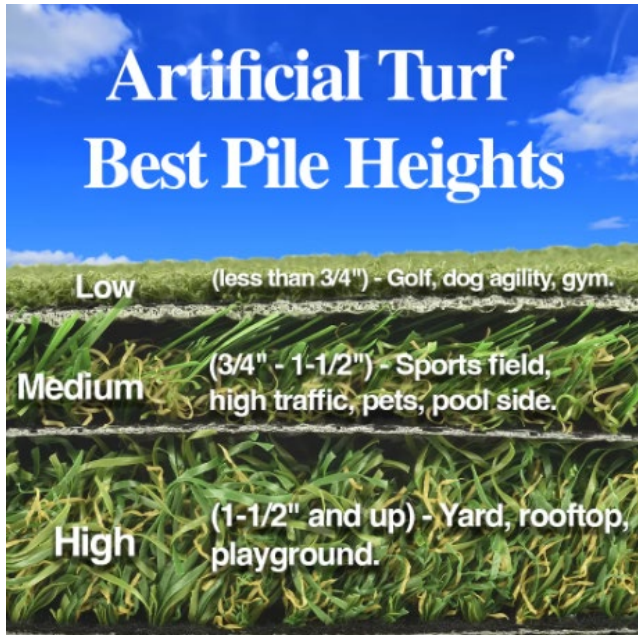
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Standards that address: Location



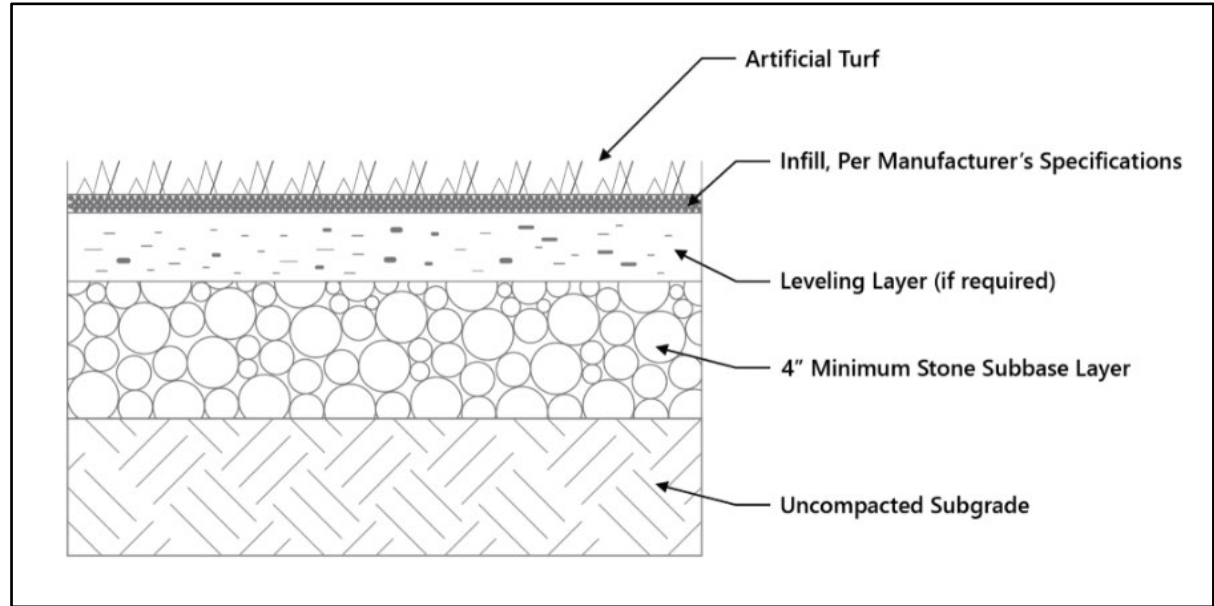
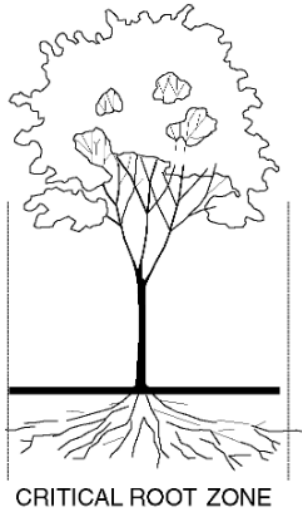
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Standards that address: Design/Material



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Standards that address: Permitting



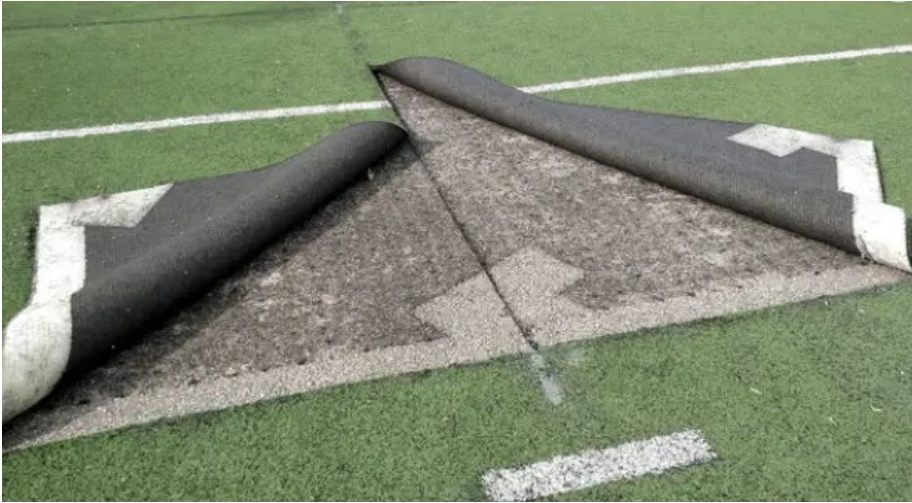
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Standards that address: Installation



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Standards that address: Inspections



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Standards that address: Maintenance



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Standards that address: Existing Artificial Turf

Existing artificial turf may remain if the following are met:



- Submit evidence demonstrating the turf was installed prior to the enactment date; and
- If turf is in the right-of-way, an after the fact permit must be applied for; and
- All existing turf must comply with maintenance standards.

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Other amendments include:

- Correcting typographical errors
- Reordering sections
- Providing clarification
- Adding a provision for existing developed lots
- Updating definitions



Community Development Board

Recommended Approval with Modifications and Considerations:

- Clarify “25% Rule” for landscape code compliance does not apply to single-family detached dwelling and two-family attached dwelling properties
- Consider permitting artificial turf in required landscape islands
- Consider licensure requirements for professional installers

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Modifications incorporated:

- “25% Rule” clarification for landscape code compliance (Modification #1 from CDB)
- Allowance for independent appraisals in application of “25% Rule” (proposed for both landscaping and parking)
- Corrections to typos and terminology

CDB considerations #2 and #3 not recommended

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