

WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE & IRRIGATION ORDINANCE

P18-0606 (AMD)

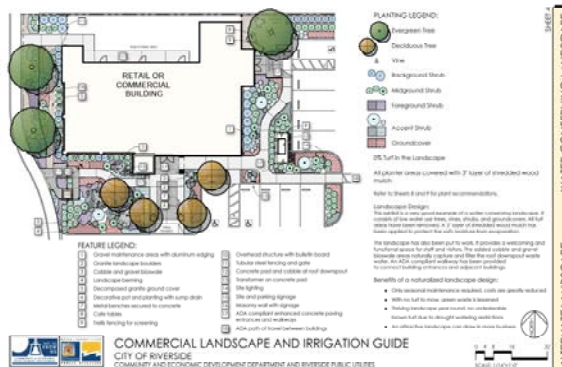
Community & Economic Development Department

City Council
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PROPOSAL

Amendment to the Riverside Municipal Code's Title 19 (Zoning Code), Chapter 19.570 - Water Efficient Landscaping & Irrigation



BACKGROUND

1. **April 1, 2015:** Governor's Executive Order B-29-15 required water conservation actions including water efficient landscape ordinance (WELO) requirements;
2. **December 1, 2015:** City adopts Ordinance No. 7310 to update Chapter 19.570 – Water Efficient Landscape and Irrigation to comply with State law; and
3. **June, 2016:** City adopts "Streamline" Zoning Code Amendment, which included a minor amendment to Chapter 19.570:
 - a) An outdated version of Chapter 19.570 was inadvertently updated; and
 - b) City's updated WELO (Ord. No 7310) changed back to the old Code.



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DISCUSSION

Proposed Zoning Code Amendment replaces existing Chapter 19.570 – Water Efficient Landscaping and Irrigation:

1. Proposal has same regulations adopted by City Council in December 2015 (Ordinance No. 7310);
2. Conforms to the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape and Irrigation Ordinance (MWELO); and
3. City will comply with State law (i.e., Governor's Executive Order B-29-15)/



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. **DETERMINE** that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act as it can be seen with certainty that it does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment (General Rule);
2. **APPROVE** Planning Case Number P18-0606 (Zoning Code Amendment); and
3. **INTRODUCE**, and subsequently **ADOPT** the attached Ordinance amending Title 19 (Zoning) of the Riverside Municipal Code, Chapter 19.570 – Water Efficient Landscaping & Irrigation



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