



# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

**Action:** Need Council to take action

**Meeting Date Requested** 6/9/2021

**Presenter:** Larry Gardner

**Deadline of item** 6/9/2021

**Department Sponsor:** Community Development

**Agenda Type:** Public Hearing

**Time Requested:** 10 minutes presentation, 10 minutes Council

(Council may elect to provide more or less time)

## Approval Signatures (required for all transmittals)

Submitter: Larry Gardner  
Larry Gardner (May 26, 2021 16:19 MDT)

Dept. Head: Scott Langford  
Scott Langford (May 26, 2021 16:26 MDT)

Reviewed as to Form: Duncan Murray  
Duncan Murray (May 26, 2021 16:25 MDT)

Executive: Dick Burton

Council Office: Cindy G. Dunde

Council Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. AGENDA SUBJECT:

Consider approving Ordinance No. 21-10 amending the 2009 City code Title 13, Chapter 13 Landscaping Requirements and definitions in Section 13-2-3

### 2. SUMMARY

The proposed ordinance will amend the current landscape ordinance of the city.

### 3. TIME SENSITIVITY / URGENCY

Urgent

### 4. BUDGET IMPACT

In 2018 and 2020, the City purchased in excess of their take or pay contract and contingency amounts by 7% and 15% respectively. In 2019, the City purchased 98% of the contract and contingency.

The City's current 'take or pay' contract is 16,500 acre feet with a 20% allowance of another 3,300 acre feet for a total of 19,800.

	Calendar Year		
	2018	2019	2020
Acre feet of water purchased	21,173	19,474	22,837
Contracted water + contingency	19,800	19,800	19,800
Excess	1,373	(326)	3,037
% of contracted water	107%	98%	115%

If the City adopts the Landscape Ordinance, the City will be allowed to renegotiate it's water contract with JVWCD and avoid the Block 2 premium rate for the amounts purchased in excess of the current contract.

The potential savings based on historical use would be as follows:

	Calendar Year		
	2018	2019	2020
Potential cost savings from avoiding the Block 2 premium rate	\$ 1,062,576	\$ -	\$ 2,338,176

If the City does not adopt the Landscape Ordinance, water rates may need to be adjusted to allow for this potential cost increase.

**5. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

Approval

**6. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

Approval

**7. MOTION RECOMMENDED**

I move to approve Ordinance No. 21-10 amending the 2009 City code Title 13, Chapter 13 Landscaping Requirements and definitions in Section 13-2-3

**8. PACKET ATTACHMENT(S)**

A. Staff Report

B. Ordinance No. 21-10

## I. BACKGROUND

The proposed ordinance will amend Chapter 13 “Landscape Requirements” of 2009 City Code. The landscape ordinance was last revised in 2010. The 2010 ordinance was created in cooperation with Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District (JVWCD). The 2010 ordinance focused more on water saving plants and some conservation practices. The proposed ordinance will be adopting the most recent water efficiency standards from JVWCD.

## II. GENERAL INFORMATION & ANALYSIS

The proposed ordinance will adopt the water efficiency standards of JVWCD and other water saving landscape practices.

## III. FINDINGS OF FACT

Section 13-7-D-7B, requires that prior to approval the City Council shall make the following findings:

**Criteria 1:** *The proposed amendment conforms to the general plan and is consistent with the adopted goals, objectives and policies described therein;*

**Discussion:** The General Plan supports revisions of ordinances as needed.

**Finding:** The proposed amendment conforms to the General Plan and is consistent with the adopted goals, objectives and policies described therein.

**Criteria 2:** *The proposed amendment is appropriate given the context of the request and there is sufficient justification for a modification to this title;*

**Discussion:** The proposed amendment will add additional water conservation and efficiency standards.

**Finding:** The proposed amendment is appropriate given the context of the request and there is sufficient justification for a modification to this title.

**Criteria 3:** *The proposed amendment will not create a conflict with any other section or part of this title or the general plan;*

**Discussion:** The proposed amendment will not create any conflicts with any other sections of the 2009 City Code.

**Finding:** The proposed amendment will not create a conflict with any other section or part of the Municipal Code or the General Plan.

**Criteria 4:** *The proposed amendment does not relieve a particular hardship, nor does it confer any special privileges to a single property owner or cause, and it is only*

*necessary to make a modification to this title in light of corrections or changes in public policy.*

**Discussion:** The draft ordinance as written will have city wide application and will not relieve a particular hardship or grant special privileges to any one person or entity.

**Finding:** The proposed amendment does not relieve a particular hardship, nor does it confer any special privileges to a single property owner or cause, and it is only necessary to make a modification to this title(s) in light of corrections or changes in public policy.

1                                   **THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH**  
2                                   **ORDINANCE NO. 21-10**

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4                                   **AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS,**  
5                                   **AMENDING THE 2009 WEST JORDAN CITY CODE**  
6                                   **(TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13 AND DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 13-2-3)**  
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8                   WHEREAS, the City of West Jordan (“City”) adopted West Jordan City Code (“City Code”) in 2009; and

10                  WHEREAS, Title 13 of the City Code has been adopted as a set of “Land Use Regulations”, as defined by Utah Code Ann. Subsection 10-9a-103(32) or successor provisions; and

12                  WHEREAS, the City desires to amend and repeal and replace certain sections of the City Code, which have been adopted as Land Use Regulations (“proposed City Code amendments”); and

14                  WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City (“Planning Commission”) held a public hearing on March 2, 2021, and an additional public meeting on March 16, 2021, regarding the proposed City Code amendments, and forwarded a positive recommendation to the City Council of the City (“City Council”) regarding the proposed code amendments; and

18                  WHEREAS, after reviewing the Planning Commission’s recommendation, and after the City Council holding its own public hearing on April 14, 2021 regarding the proposed City Code amendments, and having held an additional public meeting, and having considered additional changes to said provisions of the City Code, the City Council finds it to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare to adopt the following amendments to the City Code.

23                  NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH AS FOLLOWS:

25                  **Section 1. Repeal and Replace.** Sections 13-13-1 through 13-13-13 inclusive, of Title 13, Chapter 13 of the City Code, are hereby repealed and replaced with the attached Sections 13-13-1 through 13-13-10 inclusive, so that these Sections shall now read as shown on Attachment 1 to this Ordinance.  
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30                  **Section 2. Amendment.** The definitions in Section 13-2-3 of the City Code are added to or amended so that they shall now read as shown on Attachment 2 to this Ordinance (without affecting any of the other existing definitions in this Section).  
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34                  **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.  
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37                  **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon posting or publication as provided by law and either (i) the Mayor signing the Ordinance, (ii) the City Council duly overriding the veto of the Mayor as provided by law, or (iii) the Mayor failing to sign or veto the Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after the City Council presents the Ordinance to him.  
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43 PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST JORDAN, UTAH, THIS  
44 \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

45 CITY OF WEST JORDAN

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47 By: \_\_\_\_\_  
48 Zach Jacob  
49 Council Chair

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54 Cindy M. Quick, MMC  
55 Council Office Clerk

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57 **VOTING BY THE CITY COUNCIL**

**"YES"**

**"NO"**

58 Council Chair Zach Jacob

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59 Council Vice Chair Kelvin Green

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63 Council Member Kayleen Whitelock

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64 Council Member Melissa Worthen

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65 **PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON** \_\_\_\_\_.

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67 Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Veto

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71 Mayor Dirk Burton Date

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77 Tangee Sloan  
78 City Recorder

**STATEMENT OF APPROVAL OE PASSAGE** (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ The Mayor approved and signed Ordinance No. 21-10.

\_\_\_\_\_ The Mayor vetoed Ordinance No. 21-10 on \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
City Council timely overrode the veto of the Mayor by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance No. 21-10 became effective by operation of law without the  
Mayor's approval or disapproval.

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Tangee Sloan  
City Recorder

**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**

I, Tangee Sloan, certify that I am the City Recorder of the City of West Jordan, Utah, and that the  
foregoing ordinance was published in the Legal Section, of the Salt Lake Tribune, on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021 pursuant to Utah Code Annotated, 10-3-711.

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Tangee Sloan  
City Recorder

*(Continued on the following pages)*

Attachment 1

[Attachment to ORDINANCE NO. 21-10  
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS,  
AMENDING THE 2009 WEST JORDAN CITY CODE  
(TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13 AND DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 13-2-3)]

**Clean Version:**

CHAPTER 13  
LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS

SECTION:

- 13-13-1: Purpose
- 13-13-2: Applicability
- 13-13-3: Fees and Submittals
- 13-13-4: Approvals, Inspections and Bonding
- 13-13-5: Water Efficiency Standards
- 13-13-6: Landscape Requirements for Specific Land Uses
- 13-13-7: Parking Lot Landscaping
- 13-13-8: Landscaped Buffers
- 13-13-9: Adopted Streetscape Plans
- 13-13-10: Landscape Maintenance

13-13-1: PURPOSE:

- A. The city finds that it is in the public interest to conserve public water resources and promote water efficient landscaping through planning and education. The city strives to protect and enhance the community's environmental, economic, recreational, and aesthetic resources by promoting efficient use of water, reducing water waste, and establishing guidelines for design, installation, and maintenance of water efficient and attractive landscaping.

13-13-2: APPLICABILITY:

- A. Except as set forth in subsections B and C of this section, this chapter applies to all new construction and includes all building additions, expansions, changes, or intensification of use, filed after the effective date hereof, which results in a new landscaped area greater than one thousand (1,000) square feet. The landscaping and irrigation plans required by this chapter shall be provided as a condition of building permit issuance. In the case of building expansions, only the expansion area shall be required to meet the requirements of this chapter.
- B. New Single Family Residential Construction. New single family residential is only required to follow section 13-13-5 "Water Efficiency Standards" of this chapter. As an aid, a residential landscape design guide is available from the city and is located on the city's website.



- C. Existing Single Family Residential. Single Family Residential landscaping that exists at the effective date of this chapter is not required to follow the regulations of this chapter. Landscaping can be maintained as installed or the property owner is free to follow the provisions of this chapter. As an aid, a residential landscape design guide available from the city located on the city's website.

#### 13-13-3: FEES AND SUBMITTALS:

- A. Submittal: Landscape, irrigation, summary data, as-built drawings and planting plans shall be submitted with final site plans following the checklist provided by the city.
- B. Fees: All fees shall be submitted according to the consolidated fee schedule.

#### 13-13-4: APPROVALS, INSPECTIONS AND BONDING:

- A. Landscape and irrigation plans are approved according to city code.
- B. Landscaping and irrigation inspection verifying that the landscaping and irrigation system was installed according to the approved plans shall be conducted by the City prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
1. Water Meter: For all commercial landscapes, a separate water meter shall be installed for landscape irrigation systems. The landscape water meter shall be separate from the water meter installed for indoor uses. The size of the meter shall be determined based on irrigation demand. The landscape water meter shall not be a "submeter" but shall be installed and billed separately from any indoor meters.
  2. Irrigation Systems: Irrigation systems shall be pressure checked and inspected prior to backfilling to obtain a final certificate of occupancy.
- C. Cash Bond: Temporary occupancy of a building may be granted by the city.
1. If the property owner desires to occupy a building or premises before landscaping or irrigation improvements are completed a cash bond or other approved financial instrument shall be made with the city according to section 13-1-9 (private projects) of this title and section 8-3C-2 (public improvements) of this code.
  2. The cash bond or other approved financial instrument shall be released when a final inspection has taken place and the building or site is issued a final certificate of occupancy from the city.

#### 13-13-5: WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

1. All new construction shall comply with the water efficiency standards listed below. Upgrades or relandscaping should strive to meet these same standards.
2. All irrigation shall be appropriate for the designated plant material to achieve the highest water efficiency.
  - a. Drip irrigation or bubblers shall be used except in lawn/sod/turf areas.
  - b. Drip irrigation systems shall be equipped with a pressure regulator, filter, flush-end assembly, and any other appropriate components.
3. If installed each irrigation valve shall irrigate landscaping with:
  - a. Similar site;
  - b. Similar slopes;

- c. Similar soil conditions; and
- d. Plant materials with similar watering needs.
- 4. Lawn/sod/turf and planting beds shall be irrigated on separate irrigation valves if an irrigation system is installed.
- 5. Drip emitters and sprinklers shall be placed on separate irrigation valves if an irrigation system is installed.
- 6. Landscaped areas shall be provided with a smart irrigation controller which has the ability to automatically adjust the frequency and/or duration of irrigation events in response to changing weather conditions. All controllers shall be equipped with automatic rain delay or rain shut-off capabilities.
- 7. A minimum of 3 to 4 inches of mulch, permeable to air and water, shall be used in planting beds.
- 8. At maturity it is recommended that landscapes have enough plants (trees, perennials, and shrubs) to create at least 50% living plant cover at maturity.
- 9. Lawn/sod/turf shall not be installed in:
  - a. Park strips;
  - b. Paths less than 8 feet (8') wide; and
  - c. On slopes with a grade greater than twenty five percent (25%) or 4:1 slope.

#### 13-13-6: LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC LAND USES:

##### A. Multiple-Family Developments:

1. Landscaped Areas: Not less than forty percent (40%) of the total development site of a multiple-family project shall be landscaped. A contiguous recreation area for the multi-family development may be planted in lawn/sod/turf/sod/turf and may be of any size practical for recreation purposes. Detention basins may also be planted entirely of lawn/turf/sod if used for recreation purposes.
2. The front yard and side yards adjacent to public streets, except those portions devoted to driveways and sidewalks shall be landscaped. The minimum width of landscaped areas adjacent to public streets shall be twenty five feet (25') wide. This planting area shall meet all requirements of this chapter.
3. Site Trees: A minimum of one tree per two thousand (2,000) square feet of landscaped area is required, in addition to any park strip, parking lot landscaping or landscaped buffer requirement of this chapter.
4. Park Strip Landscaping: Any combination of ornamental plants, shrubs, herbaceous perennial, ground cover plants, pavers, ornamental gravel, ornamental concrete, boulders, bark mulch and artificial turf is permitted in the park strip. Lawn/sod/turf is prohibited in park strips. One tree per twenty five feet (25') of frontage is required.
5. Parking Lot Landscaping: Parking lot landscaping shall meet the requirements of this chapter.
6. Landscaped Buffer: A landscaped buffer is required for any multi-family development adjacent to an existing lower density residential development. Buffers shall meet the requirements of this chapter.
7. On site detention basins shall be considered part of the landscaped area of the site and shall be landscaped unless stored underground or as part of the paved parking area.

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240 B. Business/Research Park Zone:

- 241 1. Landscaped Areas: Landscaped areas shall comprise not less than twenty five percent  
242 (25%) of the site. The front yard and side yards adjacent to public streets, except those  
243 portions devoted to driveways and sidewalks, shall be landscaped. Lawn/sod/turf shall  
244 be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the landscaped area.
- 245 2. Site Trees: A minimum of one tree per two thousand (2,000) square feet of landscaped  
246 area is required, in addition to any park strip, parking lot landscaping or landscaped  
247 buffer requirement.
- 248 3. Park Strip Landscaping: Any combination of ornamental plants, shrubs, herbaceous  
249 perennial, ground cover plants, pavers, ornamental gravel, ornamental concrete,  
250 boulders, bark mulch and artificial turf is allowed in the park strip. Lawn/sod/turf is  
251 prohibited in park strips. One tree per twenty five feet (25') of frontage is required.
- 252 4. Parking Lot Landscaping: Parking lot landscaping shall meet the requirements of this  
253 chapter.
- 254 5. Landscape Buffers: Landscape buffers may be required in areas that abut less intense  
255 or incompatible land uses or as visual barriers around parking and utility areas. Buffers  
256 shall meet the requirements of this chapter.
- 257 6. On site detention basins shall be considered part of the landscaped area of the site and  
258 shall be landscaped unless stored underground or as part of the paved parking area.

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260 C. Commercial and Professional Office:

- 261 1. Landscaped Areas: Landscaped areas shall comprise not less than fifteen percent (15%)  
262 of a commercial or professional office site. Front and side yards adjacent to a public  
263 street, except those portions devoted to driveways and sidewalks, shall be landscaped.  
264 Lawn/sod/turf shall be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the landscaped area.
- 265 2. Site Trees: A minimum of one tree per two thousand (2,000) square feet of landscaped  
266 area is required, in addition to any park strip, parking lot landscaping or landscaped  
267 buffer requirement.
- 268 3. Landscaped Buffer: A landscaped buffer is required for any commercial or professional  
269 office adjacent to an existing residential development. Buffers shall meet the  
270 requirements of this chapter.
- 271 4. Park Strip Landscaping: Any combination of ornamental plants, shrubs, herbaceous  
272 perennial, ground cover plants, pavers, ornamental gravel, ornamental concrete,  
273 boulders, bark mulch and artificial turf is allowed in the park strip. Lawn/sod/turf is  
274 prohibited in park strips. One tree per twenty five feet (25') of frontage is required.
- 275 5. On site detention basins shall be considered part of the landscaped area of the site and  
276 shall be landscaped unless stored underground or as part of the paved parking area.

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278 D. Manufacturing Developments:

- 279 1. Landscaped Areas: Landscaped areas shall comprise not less than ten percent (10%)  
280 of a manufacturing site. A minimum of one tree per two thousand (2,000) square feet  
281 of landscaped area is required, in addition to any park strip, parking lot landscaping or  
282 landscaped buffer requirement. Lawn/sod/turf shall be limited to twenty percent (20%)  
283 of the landscaped area.

2. Park Strip Landscaping: Any combination of ornamental plants, shrubs, herbaceous perennial, ground cover plants, pavers, ornamental gravel, ornamental concrete, boulders, bark mulch and artificial turf is allowed in the park strip. Lawn/sod/turf is prohibited in park strips. One tree per twenty five feet (25') of frontage is required.
3. Landscaped Buffers: A landscaped buffer is required for any manufacturing development adjacent to an existing residential development. Buffers shall meet the requirements City Code.
4. On site detention basins shall be considered part of the landscaped area of the site and shall be landscaped unless stored underground or as part of the paved parking area.

E. Nonresidential Uses in Residential Districts:

1. Landscaped Areas: Landscaped areas shall comprise not less than fifteen percent (15%) of a nonresidential site. Front and side yards adjacent to a public street, except those portions devoted to driveways and sidewalks, shall be landscaped. Lawn/sod/turf shall be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the landscaped area.
2. Site Trees: A minimum of one tree per two thousand (2,000) square feet of landscaped area is required, in addition to any park strip, parking lot landscaping or landscaped buffer requirement.
3. Landscaped Buffer: A landscaped buffer is required for any nonresidential adjacent to an existing residential development. Buffers shall meet the requirements of this chapter.
4. On site detention basins shall be considered part of the landscaped area of the site and shall be landscaped unless stored underground or as part of the paved parking area.
5. Exemption: Nonresidential uses in residential districts are exempt from the field inspection requirements of section 13-13-4 of this chapter. (2001 Code § 89-6-711; amd. 2009 Code; Ord. 11-01, 3-23-2011; Ord. 19-50, 12-11-2019, Effective at 12 noon on January 6, 2020)

F. City constructed buildings, parks, recreation and open spaces and recreation and open spaces for educational facilities in any zone.

1. Landscaped Areas: Landscaped areas shall comprise not less than twenty five percent (25%) of the site containing a public building such as city hall, courts, public safety buildings, public works buildings, water tanks/reservoirs, administration buildings. The front yard and side yards adjacent to public streets, except those portions devoted to driveways and sidewalks, shall be landscaped. Lawn/sod/turf shall be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the landscaped area surrounding public buildings. This requirement does not apply to accessory buildings or structures of public parks, open space, or recreation areas.
2. Site Trees: A minimum of one tree per two thousand (2,000) square feet of landscaped area is required, in addition to any park strip, parking lot landscaping or landscaped buffer requirement of this chapter. Landscaped area does not include areas used for parks, open spaces, or recreation areas.
3. Park Strip Landscaping: Any combination of ornamental plants, shrubs, herbaceous perennial, ground cover plants, pavers, ornamental gravel, ornamental concrete, boulders, bark mulch and artificial turf is permitted in the park strip. Lawn/sod/turf

is prohibited in park strips. One tree per twenty five feet (25') of frontage is required.

4. Parking Lot Landscaping: Parking lot landscaping shall meet the requirements of this chapter.

5. On site detention basins shall be considered part of the landscaped area of the site and shall be landscaped unless stored underground or as part of the paved parking area.

6. Parks and recreation facilities. There is no limitation on the amount of lawn/sod/turf used in parks or recreation areas. Tree placement in parks, open spaces and recreation areas will be according to the overall design of the park, open space, or recreation area.

#### 13-13-7: PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING:

A. Landscaping is required within automobile parking areas that have fourteen (14) parking spaces or more to break up large expanses of pavement, to provide relief from reflected glare and heat, and to guide vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

B. Materials and Installation:

1. Irrigation: All landscaped areas in parking lots that contain any plants or trees shall be irrigated. Irrigation design shall follow the requirements of the application checklist.

2. Interior Parking Lot Landscaping:

a. Shade trees shall be provided at no less than one tree per seven (7) parking spaces (i.e., 70 spaces divided by 7 equals 10 trees).

b. Within landscaped areas, plants shall be of sufficient number and spacing to provide fifty percent (50%) surface coverage at maturity, not including tree canopies.

c. Interior parking lot landscaping shall be evenly dispersed throughout the parking lot. Planting that is required along the perimeter of a parking lot or adjacent to buildings shall not be considered as part of the interior parking lot landscaping.

3. Perimeter Parking Lot Landscape Areas: Where a parking lot is located within a required, front, side, or rear yard or within twenty feet (20') of a property line, landscaping shall be provided around the perimeter of the parking lot. The perimeter landscaping planting area shall be a minimum of eight feet (8') wide and shall be designed, contained, planted and irrigated according to this chapter and the application checklist.

4. Landscaped Areas: The minimum interior dimensions of any landscaped area or planting median shall be eight feet (8') wide. Each landscaped area shall be protected by concrete vertical curbs. Curbs may be designed to allow stormwater to enter the landscaped area. Where such curbs serve as a wheel stop for parking spaces, thirty six inches (36") shall be provided in the planting area between the curb stop and the tree locations. Other low growing plants, mulch, gravel, or ornamental concrete shall be placed in this tree exclusion area.

#### 13-13-8: LANDSCAPED BUFFERS:

A. Landscape buffers shall mitigate the transition between more intense land uses and/or between different development types. Only the more intense land use shall be required to provide the landscape buffer.

B. Materials and Installation:

1. Landscaped buffers shall be not less than twenty feet (20') wide. The area of this buffer may be counted toward the required landscape area. Sidewalks and walking paths may be included in a landscape buffer.
2. Buffers shall be designed with sufficient number, size and density of trees and shrubs to mitigate visual and auditory impacts. A minimum of one tree for each four hundred (400) square feet, or fraction thereof, of the landscaped buffer shall be planted. This requirement is in addition to the required park strip landscaping and parking lot landscaping.

C. Exceptions:

1. Where a landscape buffer already exists along the property line of an abutting property, the landscape buffer requirement for the subject property may be waived or reduced in width by the Zoning Administrator. (2001 Code § 89-6-710; amd. Ord. 11-01, 3-23-2011; Ord. 13-17, 4-24-2013)

13-13-9: ADOPTED STREETSCAPE PLANS:

- A. A streetscape plan is required in those cases where a wall is required between a development and an arterial or collector street. The plan shall show in detail the landscape treatment of the space between the wall and the street curb line. A streetscape plan is also required for all commercial, office, manufacturing, institutional and multi-family residential developments that are five (5) contiguous acres and larger which abut arterial streets.
  1. Where an adopted streetscape plan is in place, the developer shall follow such plan.
  2. Where no adopted streetscape plan is in place, the developer shall coordinate with city staff and receive approval from the planning commission through the subdivision or site plan process on development of a streetscape plan and on the installation of the irrigation system and plant materials.
- B. Streetscape plan requirements for developed areas five (5) contiguous acres and larger along arterial streets are as follows:
  1. Adjacent to Residential Developments: Unless part of a previously approved master plan, development plan or streetscape plan, single-family and two-family residential developments adjacent to arterial streets shall contain a minimum ten foot (10') landscaped area, with plants arranged and approved by the city's parks department and the city's urban forester. The required ten foot (10') landscaped area shall be installed by the developer following provisions contained in this chapter from the back of sidewalk to the adjacent property line. Waterwise plants should be used extensively and may be used exclusively and shall be used as much as possible. The required street wall shall be installed beyond the landscaped area adjacent to the property line. The required ten foot (10') landscaped area adjacent to single-family and two-family residential shall be dedicated to the City.
  2. Adjacent to Commercial, Office, Industrial, Institutional and Multi- Family Developments: Unless part of a previously approved master plan, development plan or streetscape plan, commercial, office, industrial, institutional, and multi-family developments adjacent to arterial streets shall contain a minimum ten foot (10') landscaped area. The required ten foot (10') landscaped area shall be installed between

the back of sidewalk to the adjacent development line (parking area, building area, etc.) along the entire area adjacent to the arterial street. Decorative or retaining walls no greater than two feet (2') in height may be installed in this area. Decorative boulders may be installed in this area. The required ten foot (10') landscaped area adjacent to commercial, office, industrial and multi-family developments shall be installed and maintained by the commercial, office, industrial, institutional, and multi-family development. This area may be counted as part of the development's overall landscaping percentage requirement. The landscaped area shall comply with the provisions governing landscaping in this chapter. Waterwise plants should be used extensively and may be used exclusively and shall be used as much as possible. (2001 Code § 89-6-708; amd. 2009 Code; Ord. 10-09, 2-24-2010; Ord. 11

#### 13-13-10: LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE:

- A. Intent: The developer, his successor and/or subsequent owners of a site for which landscape plans were required shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of all landscaping elements. Park strips shall be maintained by the owner of property abutting city easements, rights of way and park strips.
- B. Irrigation Systems: Irrigation systems shall be maintained in good working condition and adjusted to ensure optimal operation and efficient water use.
- C. Malfunctioning systems that are no longer conveying water as specified shall be repaired or replaced.
- D. Landscaping: All landscape plants shall be maintained in good condition to present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance. Plants not in this condition shall be removed and replaced when necessary.
- E. Trees: Tree maintenance and pruning on private property shall be the responsibility of the property owner or tenant.
  - 1. For any tree in a park strip or within the landscape setback area where there is no park strip, property owners or tenants are not permitted to remove or conduct major pruning (20 percent or more of the crown), without prior approval from the city's urban forester. As a condition of such approval, the permittee may be required to replace the tree.
  - 2. Protect trees against damage caused by maintenance equipment, such as lawn/sod/turf mowers, weed trimmers, snowblowers and snowplows.
- F. Grounds Maintenance: Landscaped areas shall be kept free of refuse and debris.
- G. Clearance and Visibility. Any portion of a tree that is in the park strip public right of way or that overhangs the public right of way from private property may be removed up to the property line at any time without notice by the City. However, the requirements below are minimums that shall be maintained.
  - 1. Trees adjacent to pedestrian walkways shall have a minimum canopy clearance of eight feet (8') above grade.
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  - 3. Plants in the intersection sight triangle shall be pruned to maintain maximum heights specified in this standard. (Ord. 11-01, 3-23-2011; Ord. 19-50, 12-11-2019, Effective at 12 noon on January 6, 2020)

Attachment 2

[Attachment to ORDINANCE NO. 21-10  
AN ORDINANCE REGARDING LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS,  
AMENDING THE 2009 WEST JORDAN CITY CODE  
(TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13 AND DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 13-2-3)]

The definitions in Section 13-2-3 of the City Code are added to or amended so that they shall now read as shown on Attachment 2 to this Ordinance (without affecting any of the other existing definitions in this Section):

**Legislative Version:**

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LANDSCAPE DOCUMENTATION PACKAGE: The preparation of a graphic and written criteria, specifications, and detailed plans to arrange and modify the effects of natural features such as plantings, ground and water forms, circulation, walks and other features to comply with the provisions of this ordinance. The Landscape Documentation Package shall include a project data sheet, a Site Plan, a Planting Plan, an Irrigation Plan, Construction Details, and a Grading Plan.



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