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Water-Efficient Landscaping Ordinance

Public Body: Tooele County Planning Commission Meeting Date: August 3, 2022.

Request: Recommendation of approval for Chapter 35 (Water-Efficient Landscaping)

Planners: Jeff Miller

Planning Commission Recommendation: Tabled on July 6, 2022.

Planning Staff Recommendation: Approval

Applicant Name: Planning Staff

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Planning Staff is requesting a recommendation of approval for Chapter 35 (Water-Efficiency Standards) of the Tooele County Land Use Ordinance.

The proposed ordinance updates would be applicable to landscaping for new construction and when a property owner takes on a significant landscaping project that affects most of their existing landscaping. Planning Staff based this ordinance on principles and best practices promoted by the Conservation Garden Park in West Jordan, Utah, which recommends the installation of a LocalScapes landscaping design, which encourages water-efficient usage of landscaping.

If adopted, planning staff envisions adding additional resources to our County website, which will enable residents to have access to on-demand trainings based on these principles.

***See the attached example of what a LocalScape could look like under this proposed ordinance.**

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

This item was heard by the Tooele County Planning Commission on July 6, 2022. They tabled the proposed ordinance update, so that the planning commission would have additional time to research water-efficiency standards for landscaping improvements and propose additional updates to planning staff.

PLANNING STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION

Since this item was last heard on July 6, 2022, Planning Staff has not received any proposed updates from the planning commission regarding the proposed ordinance update.

Planning Staff recommends that the Tooele County Planning Commission makes a motion to recommend approval to the Tooele County Council for the proposed Chapter 35 (Water-Efficiency Standards) of the Tooele County Land Use Ordinance.