



Agenda Item Summary

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Alachua County Landscaping Code Update

Presenter:

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Description:

Update on development of revisions to the Alachua County Landscaping Code.

Recommended Action:

Hear presentation and provide direction to staff on revisions to the Landscaping Code.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no fiscal impact associated with conducting this policy discussion. Should the Board choose to move forward with updates to the landscaping code, there will be costs for advertising proposed ordinances, and those costs are covered under the Growth Management Department's existing advertising budget in account 008.65.6500.554.49.04 in the MSTU fund (General Fund) in the operating category with the account description of legal advertising.

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

The standards established in the Landscaping Code, for design, plant selection, installation and maintenance of landscape elements, apply to all new development in the unincorporated County (with limited exceptions). The last major update to the Landscaping Code occurred in 2006. Based on internal review, and engagement with the development community and advisory boards, staff are presenting current recommendations for revisions in a variety of topic areas. Staff anticipates incorporating Board discussion and direction and public comment into draft ULDC amendments and requesting authorization to advertise in May 2024.