



Agenda Item Summary

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Request to Advertise Public Hearing on amendments to Unified Land Development Code Landscaping requirements

Presenter:

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Description:

Request to advertise a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code, Chapter 407, Article IV Landscaping, Article VIII Subdivision Regulations, and Article IX Stormwater Management and Chapter 410, Article III Definitions, regarding landscaping requirements for new developments.

Recommended Action:

Direct staff to advertise a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code, Chapter 407, Article IV Landscaping, Article VIII Subdivision Regulations, and Article IX Stormwater Management, and Chapter 410, Article III Definitions.

Prior Board Motions:

Move forward with staff recommendations for the changes to the Landscaping Code and bring back how encouraging the soil amendments is going in 2026 for consideration.

Fiscal Note:

Funds to cover fees associated with publishing the public hearing advertisement are appropriated in the FY2024 budget in the general fund, account 001.65.6500.554.49.04, which is in the operating category and description is legal advertising.

Strategic Guide:

Environment

Background:

The standards established in the Landscape 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. At their special meeting on March 5, 2024, staff presented to the BoCC recommendations for revisions in a variety of topic areas based on internal review, and engagement with the development community and advisory boards. Staff has incorporated Board discussion and direction and public comment into draft ULDC amendments and is requesting authorization to advertise. A new Landscaping Code is proposed that

would replace the current Landscaping Code in its entirety and incorporate current landscaping requirements from the Subdivision Regulations TND Code and the Stormwater Management Code.