



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 24-00864**

**Agenda Date: 10/8/2024**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Adoption hearing for amendments to Unified Land Development Code Landscaping requirements for new developments**

**Presenter:**

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**Description:**

Adoption hearing for proposed amendments to the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) Chapter 407, Article IV Landscaping, Article VII Traditional Neighborhood and Transit Oriented Developments, and Article IX Stormwater Management, and Chapter 410, Article III Definitions, regarding landscaping requirements for new developments.

**Recommended Action:**

That the BoCC:

1. Convene as the Land Development Regulation Commission and find the amendments consistent with the Alachua County Comprehensive Plan; and
2. Reconvene as the BoCC and approve the ordinance amending the Unified Land Development Code and authorize the Chair's signature.

**Prior Board Motions:**

**3/05/24** Board directed staff to 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.

**5/28/24** Board approved the request to advertise a public hearing for proposed amendments to the ULDC.

**Fiscal Note:**

Costs related to the amendment to be included in Municode are covered in the FY25 budget in account 008.65.6500.554.49.00 (other charges).

**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.

At their special meeting on March 5, 2024, staff presented to the Board 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. A revised Landscaping Code is proposed that also incorporates current landscaping requirements from the TND/TOD Code and the Stormwater Management Code; related new definitions are also proposed in Chapter 410, Article III Definitions.