ADOPTED BY THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON

June 6, 2023

ORDINANCE NO 12005

RELATING TO PLANNING AND ZONING; AMENDING THE TUCSON CODE, CHAPTER 23B, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTIONS 7.6.4 AND 11.4.2; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

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SECTION 1. The Tucson Code, Chapter 23B, Unified Development Code, Article 7, Development Standards, Section 7.6.4 Landscape Standards, is hereby amended to read as follows:

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE
ARTICLE 7, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS
7.6.4, LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

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7.6. LANDSCAPE AND SCREENING

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7.6.4. LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

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A. Use of Drought-Tolerant Vegetation

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4. Plants not listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resource's Low Water Use/Drought Tolerant Plant List may be used as follows:

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c. Oasis Allowance

An oasis is an area where non-drought tolerant landscaping designs are permitted. Plants not listed on the Arizona Department of Water Resource's Low Water Use/Drought Tolerant Plant List may be used in an oasis if the plants are grouped in separately programmed irrigation areas according to their water

requirements. The location and maximum area on a site that may be used for oasis areas, including those located in a street landscape border, is determined as follows.

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(6) **Exceptions for Oasis Limitations**

The oasis area limitations in Section 7.6.4.A.4.c and turf area restrictions in this section do not apply to:

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(e.) Mobile home spaces within mobile home parks.

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D. **Use of Turf**

1. Installation of ornamental turf in commercial, industrial, and institutional developments, and common areas of residential development is prohibited.

2. Ornamental turf is defined as:
   a. Grass areas with any single dimension of eight (8) feet or less.
   b. Grass areas exceeding a 4:1, or twenty-five percent (25%), slope.
   c. Grass areas that are not accessible by paved pathways and/or are restricted by physical barriers that prohibit accessibility.
   d. Grass areas installed closer than ten (10) feet to a street and/or in front entryways to residential neighborhoods or subdivisions unless associated with active recreational activities.
   e. Grass areas that are not utilized for active recreational purposes.

3. Except as provided by Section 7.6.4.A.4.c(6), *Exceptions for Oasis Limitations*, turf areas that do not meet any of the criteria provided in Section 7.6.4.D.2 are allowed only within an oasis and may only be 50% of the total oasis allowance.

SECTION 2. The Tucson Code, Chapter 23B, Unified Development Code, Article 11, Definitions and Rules of Construction, Section 11.4.2, Definitions A, is hereby amended to read as follows:

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE
ARTICLE 11, DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION
SECTION 11.4, OTHER TERMS DEFINED

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11.4. OTHER TERMS DEFINED

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11.4.2. DEFINITIONS - A

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Active Recreation - Leisure activities, usually performed with others, often requiring equipment and taking place at prescribed places, sites, or fields. The term “active recreation” includes but is not limited to swimming, tennis, and other court games, baseball and other field sports, golf and playground activities.

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SECTION 3. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. If any provisions of this Ordinance, or of its application to any person or circumstance is declared invalid or unenforceable, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or circumstance, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance becomes effective thirty (30) days after it is adopted by the Mayor and Council and is available from the City Clerk.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tucson, Arizona, June 6, 2023.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED BY:

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CITY MANAGER

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