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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Date: Thursday, February 8, 2024 Item No. 6.a.

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Justin Kilgore, Planning Review Manager - Planning and Community Development

Agenda Wording: LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT - LANDSCAPE CODE UPDATE - A request by the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department to amend Chapter 6 of the El Paso County Land Development Code (as amended) pertaining to Section 6.2 Development Standards for Ancillary Facilities and Activities, specifically, sections 6.2.1 and 6.2.2 to provide clarification of the requirements, increase options for landscaping materials, and provide a Landscaping and Planting Manual for reference. The proposed revisions, in their entirety, are on file with the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department. Planning Commissioners asked about the need for the amendments, the consistency with surrounding jurisdictions, the review process, and whether we had support from the industry. The Item was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission (9-0). (All Commissioner Districts) (LDC233)

SUMMARY (including information on budgeted matters)

A request by the El Paso County Planning and Community Development Department to amend Chapter 6 of the El Paso County Land Development Code. The purpose of the amendment is to update the language pertaining to Landscaping. The amendment will modify sections of the El Paso County Land Development Code (as amended) as described below:

- Update and adoption of the Landscape Manual and Planting List, "Landscaping and Planting Manual."
- Clarification of right-of-way (roadway landscaping) plantings
- Encourage Xeriscaping and appropriate plantings within the Unincorporated County.
- Allowing Artificial Landscaping (Artificial Turf, and Artistic Landscape)
- Removing Alternative Landscaping requirement for Xeriscaping and the requirement for groundcover such as "Kentucky Bluegrass."
- Tree Replacement allowances to include shrubs and boulders.
- Recommendations for "Root Guards" for trees close to roads and sidewalks.

BACKGROUND (including information on budgeted matters)

ESTIMATED TIME FOR PRESENTATION

5 minutes

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Business Year:	2024	Subject to TABOR? NO
Fund:		
Funding Amount:	\$0.00	
Increase to original adopted Budget	\$0.00	
Net Cost to County:	\$0.00	
Total Project Cost:	\$0.00	
Vendor Information		

ATTACHMENTS

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