

CITY OF COSTA MESA
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 16-03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 16, 2016 the City Council introduced proposed Ordinance No. 16-03:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT CO-15-05, AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER VII, LANDSCAPE STANDARDS OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

Ordinance No. 16-03 introduces an Ordinance that would consider adoption of Code Amendment CO-15-05 to amend Title 13, Chapter VII to update the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and corresponding guidelines per 2015 standards of State Department of Water Resources for the following:

- a) New construction of 500 square feet or more for all projects; previous thresholds: 2500 square feet for public and private development and 5000 square feet for owner built custom homes
- b) Rehabilitated landscape projects of 2,500 square feet requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check, or design review

The new requirements also limits turf installation at residential properties to 25% maximum (non-residential installation, with the exception of recreational uses will not be allowed). The amendment to the ordinance is in response with the Governor's Executive Order issued on April 1, 2015 and the State Department of Water Resources updated requirements for landscaping and irrigations. The Water Efficient Landscape Guidelines will also need to be amended to include the latest required forms and formulas for calculation of allowable water usage.

A certified copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 16-03 is posted and may be read in the City Clerk's Office, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The City Council will consider adoption of the proposed ordinance at the regular meeting on March 1, 2016 at 5:45 p.m.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

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