



Town of Miami Lakes Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager
Subject: Landscape and Artificial Turf Ordinance
Date: March 9, 2020

Recommendation:

Town Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance adopting a landscape ordinance and allowing artificial turf in rear and side yards of private properties.

Background:

On October 8, 2019, the Town Council approved a New Business Item directing staff to explore the possibility of allowing residential properties to use artificial turf within rear yards.

Upon consideration of the item, staff concluded that in order to make the changes necessary to allow the artificial turf, the Town first needed to adopt a landscape ordinance compatible with Chapter 18A of the Miami Dade County Code.

The attached ordinance is an adaptation of the existing Miami Dade County Chapter 18A Landscape Regulations currently enforced by the Town. The only changes to the regulations at this time refer to the introduction of Artificial Turf as an allowable material and regulations regarding its proper use.

On March 3, 2020, the Planning Board in their capacity as the Local Planning Agency, recommended to approve the ordinance with the recommendation that strips of decorative artificial turf be allowed in the front yards as a decorative element in the joints of large concrete paver driveways.

Attachment:

Ordinance