

City of Port St. Lucie

Proposed Amendments to the Landscape Code

Chapter 154 – Landscape Code (P20-050)

City Council Meetings of August 23 and September 13, 2021



Request:

Staff is proposing a text amendment to revise the current process for landscape modifications along with several corrections to the code references and minor edits.

Currently requests for modifications go to the Planning and Zoning Board for a recommendation and then to the City Council for final action.

Proposed Landscape Wall Modification Process

- The proposed process for approval will require review and approval by the City Council for any request for exemption or modification of a landscape wall.
- Exemption from City Council review would be those requests to substitute landscaping for an architectural wall that is a required feature of a landscape buffer strip shall be considered by the Planning and Zoning Board at a public hearing.

The proposed amendment will allow modifications to the buffer wall requirement based on the following criteria:

- The total area dedicated to a buffer will be greater than what the code would impose;
- Outside activities and hours of operations for the proposed use;
- Natural and man-made features or uses that provide distance and separation from those existing uses to be buffered; and
- Other factors that may be important to any decision.

Landscape exemptions and modification are prohibited within conversion areas.

Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation:

The Planning and Zoning Board unanimously recommended approval of the text amendments to the Landscape Code.