

MEMORANDUM

To: Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board (PZAB)

From: Damian Newell, Senior Planner

Date: October 8, 2021

Subject: Artificial Turf

Currently LDR Section 7.8.1.K limits the installation of artificial turf to governmental use. We have seen an increase use of artificial turf on residential lots in back yards and within commercial centers. On September 28, 2021, Council approved a Zoning in Progress (Resolution No. R2021-60) imposing a moratorium on the acceptance and processing of new applications for the installation of artificial turf for non-governmental uses for a period of 180 days, to allow time for research and draft proposed code amendment.

Attached is a draft text amendment to allow artificial turf on residential properties in the back/side yards, and within commercial centers with definition and standards. We are seeking initial comments on the current draft and will follow-up with a formal text amendment for adoption/denial by Council.

Additional information on artificial turf will be provide at the October 13, 2021 PZAB meeting.