



CITY OF FORT PIERCE

PLANNING BOARD

FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TEXT AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCES

LANDSCAPE BOND – Sec 123-6

A proposed amendment to remove requirement for the property owner to provide security through a landscape bond to ensure that all approved landscaping is installed and maintained after approval.

This methodology places additional costs on property owners. The City, through code enforcement provisions, can inspect and require that all approved landscaping is maintained, protected and replaced as required.

The Landscape Maintenance agreement shall be attached to the approved Landscape Plan and shall note that all approved landscaping shall be installed, irrigated, and maintained in perpetuity in accordance with section 123-37, in order that it continues to present a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance free of refuse and debris, in conformity with the following requirements:

a. Vegetation required by this article shall be replaced with equivalent or better vegetation if it is not living. All trees for which credit is awarded and which subsequently die shall be replaced by the same or greater number of living trees according to the standards established in this article.

b. Maintenance shall include sufficient weeding, watering, fertilizing, pruning, mowing, edging, mulching and other horticultural practices to ensure that the landscaping continues to maintain a healthy, neat, and orderly appearance.

The landscape maintenance agreement for required landscaping shall be approved by the Planning Department prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy (CO).

Staff recommend Planning Board move this amendment to Sec. 123-6 to the City Commission with a recommendation of APPROVAL.

Alternative:

Recommend approval with modification.

or

Recommend disapproval.