



Text Amendment to Update Landscaping and Buffers

Planning Petition Information for PLNPCM2025-00461

Petition Number: PLNPCM2025-00461

Application Type: Zoning Amendment

Project Location: City-wide

Zoning Chapter: Chapter 21A.48 – Landscaping and Buffers

What is the request?

Mayor Erin Mendenhall has proposed modifications to update the Landscaping and Buffers Chapter (21A.48) of the Zoning Ordinance. The new chapter was adopted by the City Council on April 26, 2023. As the new regulations have been implemented, some sections were found to need further clarification and modifications to better understand and utilize the standards. Additionally, changes to the State Code were adopted that limit the applicability of a landscape plan. The proposed text amendment will update the chapter to align with State Code. The proposal would also allow for artificial turf in some required landscaping areas where it was not previously permitted.

What are the next steps?

- Notice of this application has been sent to Community Council Chairs throughout the City, who may choose to schedule the matter at an upcoming meeting. Please contact the chair(s) of these organizations to determine whether a community council will review this petition and when and how that meeting will occur.
- A 45-day notice period to solicit comments on the chapter updates is held before a public hearing with the Planning Commission can be scheduled. This notice period will end **February 23, 2026**.
- During and following this comment period, the Planning Division will consider all public comments received and make appropriate modifications to the chapter updates to better meet the needs of the City.
- The Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing for additional public comments and make a recommendation to City Council.
- City Council will hold a public hearing for additional public comments, the City Council will have the final decision on the matter.

What is the role of the Planning Staff in this process?

Planning Staff processes the application, communicates with the applicant to understand the project, and seeks input from the community.

Where can I get additional information?

A draft copy of the text amendment has been provided. The draft is public record and available for download. To access this information:

1. Visit the open house webpage for this petition at <https://www.slc.gov/planning/open-houses/>.
2. Click on the project title for this petition, located under the “Active Online Open Houses” section
3. Click “Additional Information”
4. Click any applicant-submitted item to download submitted plans

Public comments and questions

We want to hear from you! To submit a comment or question please contact the staff planner via email or leave a voicemail, your questions will be answered within a week after the comment period has ended.

- **Start of Comment Period:** January 8, 2026
- **End of Comment Period:** February 23, 2026

During and following this comment period, the Planning Division will evaluate the proposal against the applicable zoning standards, taking into consideration public comments as they relate to the standards, and develop a recommendation for the Planning Commission.

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