



City of Coral Gables

Implementing Order of the City Manager

Implementing Order No.: 2019-02 Title: Artificial Turf

Ordered: 2/12/19 Effective: 2/12/19

AUTHORITY: Ordinance No.____, codified as City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, article 5, 'development standards', division 11, 'landscaping', section 5-1104, 'general requirements'.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Implementing Order is to outline the process for the installation of artificial turf, as per Ordinance No.____, codified in the Coral Gables Zoning Code as article 5 'development standards', division 11, 'landscaping', section 5-1104 'general requirements'.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all rights-of-way (r.o.w) and private properties within the City.

DEFINITION

Artificial turf mean any of the various synthetic, carpet-like materials made to resemble turf and used as a playing surface for football and baseball fields, to cover patios, and other exterior uses.

SECTION 1. PERMITTED USES

- 1.1 Areas of recyclable artificial turf are allowed as a component of the overall design for landscape requirements as follows:
 - a. In single family SFR and multi-family MF1 zoning districts in the rear yard with an acceptable buffer as determined by the public works landscape services division. The buffer can be composed of landscape materials, fences, walls, or a combination of all, and is meant to conceal the area of artificial turf from the ground view into the property.
 - b. Other locations will be permitted only if site conditions limit landscape options, as determined by staff from the public works landscape services division. Such limitations may include environmental and or functional limitations that will prevent natural sod or plant materials to survive.
- 1.2 Other locations such as in children's playgrounds, recreational ball fields, open joints in pavements, or as a surface for rooftop gardens may be approved as part of the site plan review process.
- 1.3 All other zoning districts: Artificial turf will not be allowed at ground level.

SECTION 2. PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS

2.1 The installation of artificial turf on the exterior will require a permit. The applicant shall apply for Board of Architects review for the installation of artificial turf. After Board of Architects approval, plans will be reviewed by the Public Works department- landscape services division, and other necessary building and zoning trades as applicable to the specific application.

Applications shall include a site plan clearly indicating the limits of scope of work, plan view layout, and artificial turf specifications. Material samples shall be required for board of architect review.

SECTION 3. APPROVED MATERIALS

3.1 The board of architects will review applications proposing the following material brands and specifications or equal:

APPROVED BY:

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City Manager

Date