

**ORDINANCE 14-2025  
BOROUGH OF SEA GIRT**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATION OF FRONT YARDS AND ROAD VERGES  
CHAPTER 17 ZONING § 17-5, GENERAL REGULATIONS**

New: § 17-5.16. **Artificial Turf or Artificial Grass**

A.

Locations prohibited. The installation of artificial turf **or artificial grass in the front yard**, *any side yard that is visible from the public right-of-way or street*, or within the road verge is prohibited in all zoning districts in the Borough of Sea Girt, except as may be allowed for designated sports fields on public property ~~upon~~ **subject to** approval by the Borough's Governing Body.

B.

Locations permitted. The installation of artificial turf **or artificial grass** is permitted in **the rear yard** of a Residential District, *or side yards that are not visible from the public right-of-way or street* ~~except that the installation of artificial turf is prohibited in any front yard or within the road verge. The installation of artificial turf is also prohibited in any side yard that is visible from the public right-of-way or street in a Residential District. The installation of artificial turf is permitted only in the rear yards and side yards that are not visible from the public right-of-way or street, except as may be allowed for designated sports fields on public property upon approval by the Borough's Governing Body.~~

C.

**Standards for allowable artificial Turf or Artificial Grass**

**The artificial turf or artificial grass and the material on which is placed must be permeable.**

General appearance. Artificial turf **or artificial grass** shall be installed and maintained to effectively simulate the appearance of a well-maintained lawn.

D.

**Permitting and Enforcement.**

**Permit:** A permit shall be required prior to the installation of new artificial turf **or artificial grass** and prior to the replacement of existing artificial turf on any property in the Borough subsequent to the effective date of this section.

**Enforcement.** Violations of this section shall be subject to inspection and enforcement by the Zoning Official, or their designee. Property owners found in violation of this section will be issued a warning with a 30-day grace period to correct the infraction for a first offense, however, non-compliance following any grace period may result in a fine of up to \$100 per day for each day the property is non-compliant.

**Road verges.** For purposes of this ordinance establishing § 17-5.16 of the Code, the term "road verges" shall be defined to mean the strip of land between the **outer curb** and **inner edge of the sidewalk**

**closest to the principal building.** ~~the property line, including the sidewalk, curb and planting areas that is also commonly known as the "planting strip," "grass strip," and/or "curb strip."~~

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~~The placement of "permanent objects," which shall be defined as any non-removable structure or fixture, including, but not limited to, flower planters, rocks, sculptures, or other decorative items shall be prohibited within the road verge.~~

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance No. 14-2025 was re-introduced at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Sea Girt, County of Monmouth on the 8<sup>h</sup> day of October 8, 2025 and was then read for the first time. The said Ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Borough Council on 12th day of November, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Sea Girt Elementary School and virtually via Zoom platform. At such time and place, or at any time and place to which said meeting may be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the said Ordinance.

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Dawn Harriman, RMC, CMR  
Municipal Clerk

Introduced: September 10, 2025

Re-Introduced: October 8, 2025

Adopted: