

ORDINANCE NO. 24-15

AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH OGDEN CITY, UTAH, AMENDING SOUTH OGDEN CITY CODE 10-23-5 HAVING TO DO WITH PARK STRIP REGULATIONS; MAKING NECESSARY LANGUAGE CHANGES TO THE CITY CODE TO EFFECT THOSE CHANGES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THOSE CHANGES.

SECTION 1 - RECITALS:

WHEREAS, South Ogden City ("City") is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Utah; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that in conformance with Utah Code ("UC") §10-3-717, and UC §10-3-701, the governing body of the city may exercise all administrative and legislative powers by resolution or ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Public Works Department recommends changes be made to park strip regulations to clarify materials that are allowed in the park strip; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed changes and held the required public hearing to receive input on the proposed changes to the park strip regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Planning Commission now recommends the proposed changes to the park strip regulations be adopted;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF SOUTH OGDEN CITY, UTAH that the City Code be changed and amended:

AMENDED SECTION:

Upon the adoption of this Ordinance, Title 10 Chapter 23 Section 5 of the South Ogden City Code is readopted with the changes set out in **Attachment "A"**, which is incorporated herein, to read as indicated.

The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein.

SECTION II - REPEALER OF CONFLICTING ENACTMENTS:

All orders, ordinances and resolutions regarding the changes enacted and adopted which have been adopted by the City, or parts, which conflict with this Ordinance, are, for such conflict, repealed, except this repeal shall not be construed to revive any act, order or resolution, or part, repealed.

SECTION III - PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

The body and substance of any prior Ordinances and Resolutions, with their specific provisions, where not otherwise in conflict with this Ordinance, are reaffirmed and readopted.

SECTION IV - SAVINGS CLAUSE:

If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held or deemed or shall be invalid, inoperative or unenforceable such reason shall not render any other provision or provisions invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatever, this Ordinance being deemed the separate independent and severable act of the City Council of South Ogden City.

SECTION V - DATE OF EFFECT:

This Ordinance shall be effective on the 3rd day of December, 2024, and after publication or posting as required by law.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2024.

SOUTH OGDEN, a municipal corporation

Russell L. Porter, Mayor

Attested and recorded:

Leesa Kapetanov, MMC
City Recorder

ATTACHMENT “A”

ORDINANCE NO. 24-15

An Ordinance Of South Ogden City, Utah, Amending South Ogden City Code 10-23-5 Having To Do With Park Strip Regulations; Making Necessary Language Changes To The City Code To Effect Those Changes; And Establishing An Effective Date For Those Changes.

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10-23-5: Landscape Design Standards

1. Plant Selection:

1. [The Salt Lake City Plant List and Hydrozone Schedule 2013](#) prepared by Salt Lake City Public Utilities and the Jordan Valley Conservation District Conservancy Gardens [Localscapes](#) programs shall be the primary references for the selection, design and installation of water-conserving plants and landscapes as modified from time to time by South Ogden City's certified arborist or the Planning Commission.
 2. Plants selected for landscape areas shall be well-suited to the microclimate and soil conditions at the project site. Plants with similar water needs shall be grouped together as much as possible.
 3. No turf grasses or overhead irrigation is allowed on slopes greater than 25%. Areas with slopes greater than twenty five percent (25%) shall be landscaped with deep-rooting, water-conserving plants for erosion control and soil stabilization.
 4. No turf grasses or overhead irrigation is allowed in areas with a width less than 8 feet, including park strips. [Park strips must consist of permeable material such as mulch, gravel, pavers, etc. Impermeable surfaces such as concrete, cement, asphalt, etc. are not allowed, other than in the carriageway and/or drive approach. A carriageway is a walkway in the park strip between the curb and sidewalk made of concrete or pavers. Any permitted impermeable surface within the right-of-way, including a carriageway, shall be approved by public works.](#)
 5. Turf grass areas shall not exceed a total of 15% of the total landscaped area for new Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, Multi-Family, HOA Common Areas, mixed-use, townhome, PRUD, etc., or exceed 15% of the total existing landscaped areas of existing Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, Multi-Family, HOA Common Areas, mixed-use, townhome, PRUD, etc. where more than 15% of the landscaping will be renovated or replaced.
 6. Turf grass areas shall not exceed a total of 35% of the total landscaped area for new single-family homes or duplexes, or existing single-family homes and duplexes where more than 30% of the existing landscaping area is being replaced.
 7. For projects at the interface between urban areas and natural non-irrigated open space, drought tolerant plants shall be selected that blend with the native vegetation and are fire resistant or fire retardant. Plants with low fuel volume or high moisture content shall be dominant.
2. Trees: The City wants to ensure that existing trees are preserved and newly planted trees survive in order to enhance the beauty of the City. This is particularly important for street trees. In order to accomplish this, the following guidelines should be followed:
1. Selection and planting of street trees should follow requirements of 10-5.1A-7-3, 10-5.1B-7-3, and 7-2.
 2. Existing trees should be preserved whenever possible.
 3. When removing turf or other plantings around trees in order to install a water efficient landscape, special care should be taken to not damage the roots of existing trees.
 4. Newly planted trees will need additional water during the first years of planting in order to become established. In addition to properly designed irrigation systems,

other methods such as drip hoses and gator bags should be used to provide more water for new trees.

3. Mulch: After completion of planting, all irrigated non-turf areas shall be covered with a minimum three inch (3") to four inch (4") layer of mulch to retain water, inhibit weed growth, and moderate soil temperature. Nonporous material shall not be placed under the mulch. Drip irrigation is required where turf grasses are not being utilized.
4. Soil Preparation: Soil preparation will be suitable to provide healthy growing conditions for the plants and to encourage water infiltration and penetration. Soil preparation shall include scarifying the soil to a minimum depth of six inches (6") and amending the soil with organic material as per recommendations of the landscape designer/landscape architect based on the soils report. (Ord. 17-10, 3-21-2017, eff. 3-21-2017)