

ORDINANCE NO. 833

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SONORA 2015 Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Amending Chapter 12.22, Water Efficient Landscapes of the Sonora Municipal Code, Section 12.22.020, Applicability; and, Section 12.22.030, Provisions for New Construction or Rehabilitated Landscapes; and, Section 12.22.040, Water Efficient Landscapes Manual.

The City Council of the City of Sonora does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE: Amend Section 12.22.020, Applicability, as follows:

12.22.020 Applicability.

- A. After December 1, 2015 this chapter shall apply to all of the following landscape projects:
1. New construction projects with an aggregate landscape area equal to or greater than five hundred square feet requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check or design review.
 2. Rehabilitated landscape projects with an aggregate landscape area equal to or greater than two thousand five hundred square feet requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check or design review.
 3. Existing landscapes are limited to Section 18, Provisions for Existing Landscapes, Section 19, Irrigation Audit, Irrigation Survey and Irrigation Water Use Analysis, and Section 20, Water Waste Prevention, of the 2015 City of Sonora Water Efficient Landscape Manual.
 4. Cemeteries. Recognizing the special landscape management needs of cemeteries, new and rehabilitated cemeteries are limited to Section 3, Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet, Section 10, Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Schedule, and Section 11, Irrigation Audit, Irrigation Survey and Irrigation Water Use Analysis of the 2015 City of Sonora Water Efficient Landscape Manual. Existing cemeteries are limited to Section 18, Provisions for Existing Landscapes, Section 19, Irrigation Audit, Irrigation Survey and Irrigation Water Use Analysis, and Section 20, Water Waste Prevention, of the 2015 City of Sonora Water Efficient Landscape Manual.
 5. Any project with an aggregate landscape area of two thousand five hundred square feet or less may comply with the performance requirements of this chapter or conform to the prescriptive measures contained in Appendix D of the 2015 City of Sonora Water Efficient Landscape Manual.
 6. For project using treated or untreated graywater or rainwater captured onsite, any lot or parcel within the project that has less than two thousand five hundred square feet of landscape and meets the lot or parcel's landscape water requirement (Estimated Total Water Use) entirely with treated or untreated graywater or through stored rainwater captured onsite is subject only to Appendix D section (5) of the 2015 City of Sonora Water Efficient Landscape Manual.

7. This chapter does not apply to:
 - a. Registered local, state or federal historic sites;
 - b. Ecological restoration projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system;
 - c. Mined-land reclamation projects that do not require a permanent irrigation system; or
 - d. Existing plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums open to the public.

SECTION TWO: Amend Section 12.22.030, Provisions for new construction or rehabilitated landscapes, as follows:

12.22.030 Provisions for new construction or rehabilitated landscapes.

The City may designate by mutual agreement, another agency, such as a water purveyor, to implement some or all of the requirements contained in this chapter. Local agencies may collaborate with water purveyors to define each entity's specific responsibilities relating to this chapter.

SECTION THREE: Amend Section 12.22.040, Water Efficient Landscape Manual, as follows:

12.22.040 Water Efficient Landscape Manual.

To implement the regulations as set forth in state and local law, the City Council shall adopt by resolution the 2015 City of Sonora Water Efficient Landscape Manual.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its passage and shall be published within (15) days after its final passage as required by law.

Said Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Sonora held on November 16, 2015, and passed and adopted as an Ordinance of said City at a regular meeting of said Council held on December 21, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Ron Stearn, Connie Williams, Bill Canning,
George Segarini, Jim Garaventa

NOES: None

ABSENT OR ABSTAIN: None

Ron Stearn
Ron Stearn, Mayor, December 21, 2015

ATTEST: Marijane Cassinetta 12/21/2015
Marijane Cassinetta, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Byron C. Smith 12/21/15
Byron C. Smith, City Attorney

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