



## OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA TO AMEND TITLE 13, CHAPTER VII, LANDSCAPING STANDARDS, TO REFLECT THE 2015 STATE MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE AND UPDATE THE "WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE GUIDELINES" IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW**

The Costa Mesa Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider Code Amendment CO-15-05 to amend Title 13, Chapter VII to update the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and corresponding guidelines per 2015 standards of State Department of Water Resources for the following:

- a) New construction of 500 square feet or more for all projects; previous thresholds: 2500 square feet for public and private development and 5000 square feet for owner built custom homes
- b) Rehabilitated landscape projects of 2,500 square feet requiring a building or landscape permit, plan check, or design review

The new requirements also limits turf installation at residential properties to 25% maximum (non-residential installation, with the exception of recreational uses will not be allowed). The amendment to the ordinance is in response with the Governor's Executive Order issued on April 1, 2015 and the State Department of Water Resources updated requirements for landscaping and irrigations. The Water Efficient Landscape Guidelines will also need to be amended to include the latest required forms and formulas for calculation of allowable water usage.

Environmental Determination: Exempt per Section 15061(b)(3) General Rule.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

**DATE:** Monday, January 25, 2016  
**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter  
**PLACE:** City Council Chambers at City Hall  
77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California

A copy of the draft amendment can be viewed on the City's webpage [www.costamesaca.gov](http://www.costamesaca.gov) under the Development Services Department/Planning Division heading 72 hours prior to the hearing date. Public comments in either oral or written form may be presented during the public hearing. Any written communication, photos or other materials for distribution to the Planning Commission must be received by the Planning staff (2nd floor) prior to **3:00 pm** on the day of the hearing (see date above). If the public wishes to submit written comments to the Planning Commission at the hearing 10-copies will be needed for distribution to the Commissioners, City Attorney and Staff. Please note that no copies of written communication will be made after **3:00 PM**. If you challenge this action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you, or someone else raised, at or prior to the hearing. For further information, telephone (714) 754-5245, or visit the Planning Division, Second Floor of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California. The Planning Division is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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