

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Public Hearing will be held by the Costa Mesa City Council at the regular meeting on Tuesday, **February 16, 2016**, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California, for the purpose of considering for first reading proposed Ordinance No. 16-03 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, 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 proposed Ordinance will consider adoption of 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.

A copy of the proposed ordinance will be available on the City’s homepage [www.cityofcostamesaca.gov](http://www.cityofcostamesaca.gov) under Agendas/Minutes seventy-two hours prior to the meeting. The proposed ordinance can also be viewed in-person at the City Clerk’s Office in City Hall (77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626) from Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

At said Public Hearing, all persons either favoring or opposing the proposed ordinances will be heard.

**Public Comments:** Public comments in either oral or written form may be presented during the public hearing. Any written communications, photos, or other material for copying and distribution to the City Council that is 10 pages or less, must be submitted to the City Clerk NO LATER THAN 3:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing, **February 16, 2016** and can also be emailed to [cityclerk@costamesaca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@costamesaca.gov) If the public wishes to submit written communication, photos, or other material for distribution to the City Council at the meeting AFTER 3:00 p.m., 10 copies will need to be provided for distribution. Please note that NO copies of written communication will be made AFTER 3:00 p.m. Any materials to be displayed on the overhead projector at the Council Meeting must be submitted to the City Clerk NO LATER THAN 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE

START OF THE MEETING. If you should need further assistance, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 754-5225.

IF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTION IS CHALLENGED IN COURT, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in the notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Brenda Green, City Clerk, City of Costa Mesa

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