



UDC Amendment Request Application for Internal Parties ***(City of San Antonio Departments)***

Part 1. Applicant Information

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(Include title if representing a governmental agency or public/private organization)

Part 2. Basis for Update (check only one)

- Clarification amendments to provide for ease of interpretation and understanding of the existing provisions of the UDC (Note: Clarification amendments should not change or alter the intent or meaning of existing UDC provisions)
- Editing change that does not alter the impact of the provisions being addressed including changes such as spelling, grammar correction, formatting, text selection, or addition of text in compliance with existing ordinance, statutes or case law
- Completed Rule Interpretation Determination (RID)
- Requested by the Zoning Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, HDRC, City Council or other appropriate city board or council (CCR, resolution or signature of the chairperson is required)
- City of San Antonio Staff Amendment

Part 3. Reason(s) for Update (check all that apply)

- Modify procedures and standards for workability and administrative efficiency
- Eliminate unnecessary development costs
- Update the procedures and standards to reflect changes in the law or the state of the art in land use planning and urban design
- See Part 4 (if none of the provided choices in this section apply, please discuss the reasons for the proposed update in Part 4)

Part 4. Summary of Proposed Update with Suggested Text (see application instructions)

Adds 35-523(m)(7) to include requirements for soil suitability for planting landscaping materials.

UDC 2021 Proposed Amendment

Amendment 18-5**Applicant: Office of Sustainability****Amendment Title** – ‘Sec. 35-523 – Tree Preservation.’**Amendment Language:**

(m) General Planting Standards.

- (7) All development projects in San Antonio that require the addition or alteration of grass turf or plantings of trees, shrubs, flowers for landscaping shall be required to be planted in soil that is suitable for establishing and sustaining the plantings. In addition to containing suitable soil particle size and depth of soil zone, the soil must contain sufficient organic matter and nutrients. Testing and confirmation by landscape architect shall be completed to ensure the soils is suitable. In lieu of confirmation by a landscape architect, soil may be amended with compost by adding three (3) inches of compost blended into every 1 foot of soil. For complete soil replacement, such as tree plantings, an amount of 25% compost may be added to 75% native soil.
