



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

Part 1. Applicant Information

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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.

Part 5. Cost Impact Statement

Section 35-11(a) of the UDC requires that all requests for amendments include a Cost Impact Statement. The Cost Impact Statement should be justified with substantiating information, such as cost estimates or studies.

The requested change to the UDC (*please check appropriate box*):

By how much?

(Indicate either a dollar amount or percentage above or below current construction and/or development costs)

- A. ☒ Will not impact the cost of construction and/or development.
- B. ☐ Will increase the cost of construction and/or development.
- C. ☐ Will decrease the cost of construction and/or development.

Part 6. Cost Impact Narrative and Back-Up Information

Please fully quantify the Cost Impact Statement that was provided in Part 5. Attach all relevant data and associated costs that you wish to have considered as well as a narrative explaining how the Cost Impact Statement was developed. If you need additional space, please attach additional sheets.

Be sure to:

- *Consider and indicate initial and long-term maintenance costs;*
- *Consider city cost (i.e. personnel costs and costs to enforce);*
- *Indicate and be able to rationalize the baseline (current costs) and the cost projections associated with your request.*

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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.
