

ORDINANCE NO. 4606

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 49, "WATER, SEWERS & SEWAGE DISPOSAL," OF THE SCOTTSDALE REVISED CODE BY ADDING SECTION 49-248 TO LIMIT WATER INTENSIVE LANDSCAPES/TURF AREAS ON NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES TO REAR YARDS ONLY

WHEREAS, as a water provider, the City is committed to comprehensive planning, in order to secure an assured water supply for needs today and those of the future; and

WHEREAS, water waste hampers the City's ability to do so, especially in times of drought, and is a public nuisance; and

WHEREAS, droughts are unavoidable, but their impact can be lessened by implementing drought management plans, restrict the use of water in escalating degrees, as the severity of the situation dictates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the imposition of restrictions on water intensive landscapes and turf installations can further the drought management policies of the City;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale that the following amendments to Chapter 49 of the Scottsdale Revised Code are hereby approved:

Section 1. Chapter 49, Article VII, Division 1, regarding Water Conservation is hereby amended to add a new Section 49-248 as follows:

Sec. 49-248. Limitation on water intensive landscape/turf areas on new Single-Family Residential homes.

A. For any new Single-Family Residential home issued a building permit on or after August 15, 2023, Water Intensive landscape/Turf shall only be located in rear or side yards that are fully enclosed with a fence or wall that is a minimum of three feet in height.

B. Subsection A shall not apply to Single-Family Residential homes already permitted or constructed prior to August 15, 2023. However, for any such homes, the amount of Water Intensive Landscape/Turf that is located in an area other than a rear or side yard that is fully enclosed with a fence or wall that is a minimum of three feet in height shall be limited to the extent that such Landscape/Turf is already installed or in existence as of August 15, 2023.

Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance or any part of the Code adopted herein is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

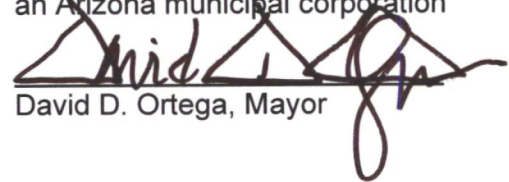
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this 10 day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:



Ben Lane, City Clerk

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
an Arizona municipal corporation



David D. Ortega, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Sherry R. Scott, City Attorney

By: Eric C. Anderson, Senior Assistant City Attorney