

ZONING INTERPRETATION RECORD

Subject of Interpretation: _____

The manicuring of areas designated as undisturbed N.A.O.S.

Zoning Ordinance Section Number: _____

Sec. 7.853(D)(1)

Title of Section: _____

Open space requirements. Types of N.A.O.S. Undeveloped natural areas.

Cause for Interpretation: _____

There have been several requests for approval to clean up N.A.O.S. areas of dead plants, dried up under brush, and the removal of inhibitive parasitic growth.

Interpretation: _____

As stated in the Zoning Ordinance Sec 7.853 (D) (1) "Undeveloped natural areas shall constitute a minimum of seventy (70) percent of the required N.A.O.S." for a given site. In subparagraph (a) it does allow for the in-fill of areas that are less dense than natural conditions in the vicinity due to natural or man-made disturbances with plant materials indigenous to the site, but no allowances are made for the manicuring or cleaning up of areas designated as undeveloped natural areas. Under Article III Definitions, Natural Area Open Space is defined as "areas of undisturbed natural desert with no man-made improvements and approved revegetated areas".

It has been determined that the manicuring or cleaning up of natural areas dedicated or designated as "Natural Area Open Space" shall be limited to the removal of man-made trash and debris, dumping piles, and minimal removal of parasitic growth on trees, only as it relates to the health of the plant and not in shaping the plant. A request for approval of such work shall be submitted to the Project Coordination, or designee for review and approval. The submittal shall include, but not be limited to a site plan showing the location of areas being requested for clean up, photographs of trash, dumping piles, and individual plants identified for removal of parasitic growth, and a program detailing techniques and procedures to be used to minimize the disturbance to the surrounding natural areas. Upon receiving approval from Project Coordination staff, but prior to the start of clean up operations, the applicant shall contact Inspection Services for review of the scope of work to be done and for final approval upon completion of clean up operations. Fire breaks should be planned so as not to be within areas of Natural Area Open Space.

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