

ORDINANCE NO. 2579

INTRODUCED BY: CHACON, DOUGLAS, DOUGLAS, DUKES, FORD, KIM, MADERA,  
NOBLE, TETER

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COMMERCE CITY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE  
ARTICLE VII DIVISION 5 AND ARTICLE XI DIVISION 2 TO EXPAND PERMITTED  
AREAS FOR XERIC LANDSCAPING PRACTICES

WHEREAS, water supply in the western United States is under increasing pressure due to climate change and increased demand;

WHEREAS, installing vegetation that adheres to water-wise landscaping principles can help reduce outdoor demand of water;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter of the City of Commerce City (the “Charter”), the City Council of the City of Commerce City (the “City”) has all legislative powers and functions of municipal government as reserved to it by the Colorado Constitution and the laws of the state of Colorado;

WHEREAS, Article VII, Division 5 of the Commerce City Land Development Code (the “Code”) regulates landscape development within the City;

WHEREAS, Section 21-11200 of the Land Development Code must be amended to add definitions, and other language, related to xeric landscaping practices; and

WHEREAS, the City finds and determines that the expansion of xeric landscaping practices within the City is in the best interest of the public and the welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Findings.** The recitals to this ordinance are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This ordinance is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

**SECTION 2. Amendment of Article VII, Division 5.** Article VII, Division 5 of the Code is hereby amended as set forth in **Exhibit A**, with a clean version attached as **Exhibit B**.

**SECTION 3. Amendment of Article XI, Division 2, Section 21-11200.** Section 21-11200 of Article XI, Division 2 of the Code is hereby added as set forth in **Exhibit C**, with a clean version attached as **Exhibit D**.

**SECTION 4. Repealer.** All other ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent or conflicting with this ordinance or any portion hereof are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective pursuant to Section 5.4 of the Charter.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 15TH DAY OF JULY 2024.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND PUBLIC NOTICE ORDERED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST 2024.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

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Steven J. Douglas, Mayor

ATTEST

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Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk