

# **Median Landscape Ordinance - Irrigation**



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**SUBJECT:** Median Landscape Ordinance - Irrigation

Development Standards are provisions in the City of Las Cruces Municipal Code that establish a set of minimum requirements or standards to be followed as it relates to commercial, residential, and/or public right-of-way infrastructure development. These standards encompass a number of different areas including landscaping in its various forms.

Members of City Council have previously asked about alternative approaches related to median landscaping. There is potential that an alternate method may yield a more "green" infrastructure and promote low impact development techniques. Staff will be making a presentation that focuses on the following items as they pertain to that topic:

1. Provide a background on the current standards
2. Explain what "xeriscaping" and "dry-scaping" are and what they mean
3. Some options to consider

The revision process started in May 2012, which is being followed by this presentation to City Council on November 25, 2013. Further public input will then be solicited with the goal of coming back to City Council in May 2014, for a final proposed version for Council consideration.

Staff is seeking input and comment from members of City Council as well as guidance on where we go from here.

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