

COMPARISON OF AMENDMENTS TO STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS

	AMENDMENT TO STATE MWELO	PROPOSED BAWSCA	CURRENT CITY REGULATIONS	PROPOSED CITY REGULATIONS
APPLICATION AND COMPLIANCE				
APPLICABILITY	New landscapes of 500 sq. ft. or greater and rehabilitated landscapes of 2,500 sq. ft. or greater	New landscapes of 500 sq. ft. or greater and rehabilitated landscapes of 1,000 sq. ft. or greater	New and rehabilitated landscapes of 1,000 sq. ft. or greater that require a Zoning Permit	New and rehabilitated landscapes of 500 sq. ft. or greater that require a Zoning Permit
COMPLIANCE OPTIONS	Water budget required for all landscapes subject to the regulations	(1) Water Budget; or (2) Plant Type Restriction	Same as BAWSCA	R1 and R2 are exempt Same as BAWSCA
WATER BUDGET CALCULATION	ETAF coefficient of 0.55 for residential landscapes ETAF coefficient of 0.45 for nonresidential landscapes	Same as State	ETAF coefficient of 0.7 for all landscapes	ETAF coefficient of 0.45 for all landscapes
IRRIGATION EFFICIENCY (USED IN WATER BUDGET CALCULATIONS)	Irrigation efficiency coefficient of 0.75 (overhead sprinkler) or 0.81 (drip system)	Same as State	Average irrigation efficiency coefficient of 0.7 (minimum)	Same as State
PLANT TYPE RESTRICTION	Projects under 2,500 sq. ft. must contain 100 percent (nonresidential) or 75 percent (residential) low-water-use plants	Landscapes contain no high-water-use plants and 80 percent of the landscape is native or low-water-use plants	Landscapes contain no more than 25 percent high-water-use plants and 80 percent of the remaining landscape is native or low-water-use plants	Same as BAWSCA
IRRIGATION DESIGN PLANS	Irrigation design plans are required with the submittal of a Zoning Permit application	Same as State	Same as State	Irrigation design plans are required with the submittal of a Building Permit application
IRRIGATION DIAGRAM	A diagram of hydrozones is required to be kept with the irrigation controller	Same as State	N/A	Same as State

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SOIL AND WATER				
STORMWATER	Soil must be converted to a friable condition	Same as State	N/A	Same as State
GRAYWATER	Graywater systems are encouraged Graywater projects under 2,500 sq. ft. are subject only to irrigation efficiency requirements	Same as State	N/A	Graywater systems are encouraged Graywater areas are allowed as Special Landscape Areas
RAINWATER RETENTION	Rainwater retention measures recommended Rainwater projects under 2,500 sq. ft. are subject only to irrigation efficiency requirements	Same as State	N/A	Rainwater systems are encouraged Rainwater areas are allowed as Special Landscape Areas
COMPOST	Specified compost amendments required	Same as State	N/A	Same as State
DESIGN				
STREET MEDIANS	High-water-use plants are prohibited in street medians	Same as State	N/A	Same as State

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IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT				
LANDSCAPE WATER METER	Landscape irrigation meters are required in nonresidential landscapes greater than 1,000 sq. ft. and residential areas greater than 5,000 sq. ft. City-owned and private meters permitted	Same as State	Landscape irrigation meters are required for nonresidential landscapes greater than 2,500 sq. ft. and residential landscapes greater than 5,000 sq. ft. Privately owned submitters are permitted on-site	Required for landscapes greater than 1,000 sq. ft. Privately owned submitters are permitted on-site
MASTER SHUT-OFF VALVES	Master shut-off valves are required for all projects except those that use other equivalent technologies	Same as State	N/A	Same as State
PRESSURE REGULATORS	Pressure regulators and/or booster pumps are required if the water pressure is below or exceeds the recommended pressure of the specified irrigation devices	Same as State	N/A	Same as State
FLOW SENSORS	Flow sensors are required	Same as State	N/A	Same as State
CHECK VALVES	Check valves are required on all sprinkler heads where low-point drainage could occur	Same as State	N/A	Same as State
SWING JOINTS	Swing joints are required on all risers adjacent to hardscapes or high-traffic areas	Same as State	N/A	Same as State
POOL/SPA COVER	Pool/spa covers are highly recommended	Pool/spa covers are required	Pool/spa covers are highly recommended	Same as BAWSCA