

ORDINANCE NO. 20-18

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-3(d)(4) OF THE NEW HOPE CITY CODE
RELATED TO LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW HOPE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 4-3(d)(4)a., *Performance standards – Landscaping- Required landscaping- General residential* is hereby amended to add the underlined text as follows:

- a. *Required landscaping—General residential.* The lot area remaining after providing for off-street parking, off-street loading, sidewalks, driveways, building site and/or other requirements shall be landscaped using ground cover, ornamental grass, shrubs, trees or other acceptable vegetation or treatment generally used for landscaping. Synthetic turfs, artificial grasses, and other similar materials are prohibited. Fences, retaining walls, or trees placed upon utility easements are subject to removal if required for the maintenance or improvement of the utility. The city shall not be required to pay compensation for the items to be removed from a utility easement. Trees under overhead wires within an easement are restricted to tree types having mature height that will not interfere with the overhead wires.

Section 2. Section 4-3(d)(4)b.4.ii., *Performance standards – Landscaping- Required landscaping – Design* is hereby amended to add the underlined text as follows:

- ii. All area within the property lines (or beyond, if site grading extends beyond) not paved or designated for off-street parking, off-street loading, sidewalks, driveways, open outdoor storage, or buildings shall be landscaped using ground cover, ornamental grass, shrubs, trees, or other acceptable vegetation generally used for landscaping. Synthetic turfs, artificial grasses, and other similar materials are prohibited.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

APPROVED by the New Hope City Council this 23rd day of November, 2020.

Kathi Hemken, Mayor

ATTEST:

Valerie Leone, City Clerk