



City of Conway, Arkansas Ordinance No. <u>O-25-06</u>

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NANCY EASTHAM FAULKNER COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERK

BY: SHAWN MIX, D.C. ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NATURAL LANDSCAPING FOR THE CITY OF CONWAY, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Whereas, the City of Conway Department of Public Works desires to encourage citizens to use sustainable, low maintenance, landscaping practices that mimic natural ecosystems within the City limits of Conway by allowing by certificate a Natural Landscape; and

Whereas, the Definition of "Natural Landscaping" shall be defined in the Ordinance in Section 1; and

Whereas, this shall apply to both existing properties with Natural Landscaping and properties wishing to establish Natural Landscaping; and

Whereas, a certificate will be required to allow the City of Conway to better regulate Natural Landscaping for the peace and enjoyment of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. Natural landscaping will be defined as follows: a landscape design that primarily utilizes native plants and natural elements, essentially mimicking the vegetation that would naturally occur in a given area without significant human intervention.

Section 2. Natural landscaping is only applied in residential zone areas as defined by the City of Conway Zoning Ordinance.

Section 3. Individuals with an existing natural landscape or those wishing to implement natural landscaping must apply for a certificate through the Public Works Department. The certificate fee is a one-time charge of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00). A maintenance plan and site map will be required as part of the application process. Certificate holders must display signage on the property to indicate it has been approved as a natural landscaping habitat. Signage will be provided as part of the certificate fee.

Failure to obtain or maintain a certificate for either an existing or new natural landscape will result in a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150). All certificate fees collected for natural landscaping will benefit the Conway Tree Board.

Section 4. For residential properties, no more than twenty five (25%) percent of the back of the property and no more than ten (10%) percent of the front of the property, for a total of thirty-five (35%) percent, shall be dedicated to natural landscaping.

Section 5. All natural landscaping shall not exceed the height of any fence located on the property. In the absence of a fence, the height of the natural landscaping shall not exceed six (6) feet.

Section 6. All natural landscaping beds must be set back at least five (5) feet from all property boundaries.

Section 7. All natural landscaping beds must be contained within a border. Acceptable borders include wood, metal edging, stone, or other commonly used landscape materials. Cardboard or paper-like materials are not certificated.

Section 8. Any significant changes to the natural landscaping will require an updated site map to be filed with the Public Works Department.

Section 9. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 10. This ordinance is necessary for the protection of the public peace, health and safety; an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed this 14th of January, 2025.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Denise Hurd
City Clerk/Treasurer

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ARKANSAS COUNTY OF FAULKNER CITY OF CONWAY

I, Denise Hurd, the duly elected, qualified, and acting: Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Conway, Arkansas, do hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance presented to the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas, at a meeting of that body held on the 14th day of January, 2025 same is duly recorded in the minutes of meeting of said Council.

Witness, my hand, and seal of the City of Conway, Arkansas this 27th day of January 2025.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER