1	<b>ORDINANCE NO. 20</b>
2 3 4	AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS FOR LANDSCAPING AND WATER CONSERVATION FOR DEVELOPING LAND IN IVINS CITY, UTAH
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6	RECITALS AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS
7 8 9 10	WHEREAS, Washington County is one of the most arid and fastest growing regions in Utah with all its major population centers dependent on a single water resource that is prone to drought, so it is essential that additional water conservation initiatives are enacted to protect the county's population, economy and quality of life;
11 12 13 14	WHEREAS, Ivins City, in partnership with Washington County and the Washington County Water Conservancy District, want to establish uniform standards for water efficient new development, to address limited water supplies, drought conditions, and the sustainability of future water resources;
15 16 17	WHEREAS, Ivins City is primarily served by the Washington County Water Conservancy District, a portion of the City is served by Kayenta Water Users Association (KWU) and a portion of the City is served by the Ivins Irrigation Company;
18 19 20	WHEREAS, Ivins City, Washington County, and the Washington County Water Conservancy District want to ensure that the City and its residents continue to have a reliable, resilient, and sustainable water supply;
21 22 23	WHEREAS, establishing standards for all new construction including single family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, and manufacturing development will help sustain a reliable and resilient water supply to all residents;
24 25 26 27 28 29	WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to conserve the public's water resources and to promote water efficient construction and landscaping to protect and enhance the community's environmental, economic, recreational, and aesthetic resources by promoting efficient use of water in our community's buildings and landscapes, reduce water waste, and establish a structure for designing, installing, and maintaining water efficient buildings and landscapes throughout the City;
30 31	WHEREAS, establishing standards for the use of water for outdoor landscaping and irrigation will help sustain a reliable and resilient water supply to all residents;
32 33	WHEREAS, carefully managing the county's water resources is of great importance to our community for the protection of present and future citizens;
34 35	WHEREAS, this proposed ordinance is necessary and proper for the safety, peace and good order of the City and its citizens; and

36	WHEREAS, this proposed ordinance is necessary for the preservation and longevity of
37	these lands.
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39	NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Ivins City, Utah that the attached
40	standards and regulations are adopted, and shall be incorporated into the ordinances of the City,
41	as Title, Chapters through This Ordinance shall become effective on the date
42	executed below and upon posting as required by law.
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56	TITLE
57 58	CHAPTER 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS
59 60	1-1: SHORT TITLE
61 62 63	The short title for this ordinance is the "Landscaping and Water Conservation Ordinance."
64	1-2: CONFLICT
65 66 67 68 69 70 71	Restrictive Covenants in Conflict with Water Efficiency Standards: Any provisions in homeowners or property owners association governing documents, such as bylaws, declarations, operating rules, covenants, conditions, and restrictions that govern the operation of a common interest development, recorded after passage of this ordinance, are void and unenforceable if they conflict with the water efficiency standards in this ordinance, or if they have the effect of prohibiting or restricting compliance with this ordinance.
73	1-3: APPLICABILITY
74 75 76 77	The provisions of this title are applicable to all new construction, development and major landscape improvements in the city served by the Water Conservancy District, excepting vested properties which are properties with a previously approved Development Agreement or Conditional Use Permit.
78 79 80 81 82	The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, word, or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, sections, words or parts thereof of this ordinance or their applicability to other persons or circumstances.
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85 86 87	CHAPTER 2: DEFINITIONS
88 89	2-1: DEFINITIONS
90	The following definitions shall apply to this ordinance:
91 92 93	Active Recreation Area: An area with grass that is used for special events or as an outdoor event space. Examples of active recreation areas include sports fields, play areas, event lawns, picnic areas, and other similar uses designated for physical and/or social activity.
94 95	<u>Common area</u> : The area which is available for common use by all owners or renters in a development.

96 97	<u>Controller</u> : A device used in irrigation systems to automatically control when and how long sprinklers or drip irrigation systems operate.
98 99 100 101	<u>Drip Irrigation</u> : An irrigation system that delivers water by adding water at the plant's base and root zone, usually measured in gallons per hour. Drip irrigation exhibits a droplet, trickle, umbrella, or short stream pattern, to reduce evaporation, overspray, and water use, and improving water conservation.
102 103	<u>Drip Emitter</u> : A drip irrigation fitting that delivers water slowly at the root zone of the plant, usually measured in gallons per hour.
104 105	<u>Grading Plan</u> : The grading plan shows all finish grades, spot elevations, drainage as necessary, and new and existing contours with the developed landscaped area.
106	Grass: A surface layer of earth containing mowed grass with its roots.
107	<u>Grass area</u> : The total square footage of grass located within the landscape area.
108 109	<u>Ground Cover</u> : Material planted in such a way as to form a continuous cover over ground that can be maintained at a height no more than twelve (12) inches.
110 111 112	<u>Hardscape</u> : Elements of landscape constructed from non-living materials such as concrete, boulders, brick, blacktop, and lumber. It includes patios, decks, and paths, but does not include driveways and sidewalks.
113 114	<u>Hydrozone</u> : Portion of landscape area having plants with similar water needs and rooting depth. A hydrozone may be irrigated or non-irrigated.
115 116 117	<u>Irrigation Plan</u> : A plan that shows the components of the irrigation system with water meter size, backflow prevention, precipitation rates, flow rate, and operating pressure for each irrigation circuit, and identification of all irrigation equipment.
118 119 120 121 122	<u>Landscape Architect</u> : A person who holds a professional license to practice landscape architecture in the state of Utah. Per State Code, licensed landscape architects, licensed architects, licensed land surveyors, and licensed engineers can professionally stamp plans that fall under the practice of landscape architecture. This includes commercial landscape and irrigation plans.
123 124 125 126 127 128	Landscape Area: For developments regulated by Chapters 3 (single-family and twin home) or Chapter 4 (non-residential): Area within a lot or parcel that is not the home footprint, driveway, sidewalk, patio, swimming pool or water feature. For developments regulated by Chapter 5 (multifamily) or Chapter 7 (resorts): Area within the development that is not a building footprint, driveway, parking lot, sidewalk, patio, sports court, swimming pool, water feature, and other hard surfaces.

129 130 131	<u>Landscape Designer</u> : A person who may or may not hold professional certificates for landscape design/architecture and may be the owner of the property or in the landscaping business.
132	<u>Landscape Documentation Package</u> : The documentation of graphic and written criteria,
133	specifications, and detailed plans to arrange and modify the effects of natural features to
134	comply with the provisions of this ordinance. The Landscape Documentation Package shall
135	include a project data sheet, a site plan, a planting plan, an irrigation plan, construction
136	details, and a grading plan.
137	Landscape or Landscaping: Any combination of berms; living plants, such as trees, shrubs,
138	vines, ground covers, annuals, perennials, grass, or seeding; natural features such as rock,
139	stone, or bark chips; and structural features, including but not limited to outdoor artwork,
140	screen walls, fences or benches that create an attractive and pleasing environment.
141	Mulch: Any organic material such as leaves, bark, wood chips, straw; inorganic material such
142	as crushed stone or gravel; other materials left loose and applied to the soil surface for the
143	beneficial purpose of controlling weeds and conserving soil moisture.
144	Multifamily: Any residential use comprised of a dwelling or dwellings designed for
145	occupation by more than one family in any zone, but for purposes of this ordinance,
146	excludes: Single-family dwellings and twin homes (two family dwellings), dwellings
147	containing an approved internal accessory dwelling unit, dwellings which are an approved
148	accessory dwelling unit to a primary dwelling, resorts, and hotel rooms.
149	Park Strip: A typically narrow landscaped area located between the back-of-curb and
150	sidewalk.
151	Plant List: A list of locally adaptable and environmentally sustainable plants for compliant
152	Planting Plans as provided by the Washington County Water Conservancy District.
153	Planting Plan: A Planting Plan that clearly and accurately identifies the type, size, and
154	locations for new and existing trees, shrubs, planting beds, ground covers, grass areas,
155	driveways, sidewalks, hardscape features, and fences.
156	Precipitation Rate: The depth of water applied to a given area, usually measured in inches per
157	hour.
158	Pressure Regulating Valve: A valve installed in an irrigation mainline that reduces a higher
159	supply pressure at the inlet down to a regulated lower pressure at the outlet.
160	Resort: A full-service lodging and recreational facility located in a Resort Commercial zone
161	that is the primary provider of a range of amenities, recreation, or wellness facilities to
162	emphasize a leisure or wellness experience beyond those found at motels and hotels.
163	Separately platted residences or commercial facilities will be deemed part of the Qualified
164	Resort so long as they are intended to be rented or otherwise used as a part of the hotel
165	operations.

166 167	<u>Secondary Irrigation Water</u> : Non-potable water that is untreated and used for irrigation of outdoor landscaping Also called secondary water.		
168	Single-family: Any. residential use comprised of a dwelling designed for occupation by only		
169	one family in any zone, and for purposes of this ordinance includes primary dwellings,		
170	dwellings containing an approved internal accessory dwelling unit, and approved accessory		
171	dwelling units.		
172	Slope: A vertical rise in feet measured over a horizontal distance, expressed as a percentage,		
173	measured generally at right angles to contour lines.		
174	Smart irrigation controller: A smart/internet-connected device used in irrigation systems to		
175	automatically control when and how long sprinklers or drip irrigation systems operate.		
176	Two-Family: Any residential use comprised of a dwelling (twin home or duplex) designed		
177	for occupation by two families in any zone, but for purposes of this ordinance excludes		
178	dwellings containing an approved internal accessory dwelling unit, or dwellings which are an		
179	approved accessory dwelling unit to a primary dwelling.		
180	Vested properties: Properties with a previously approved Development Agreement or		
181	Conditional Use Permit.		
182	Water-Conserving Plant: A plant that can generally survive with available rainfall once		
183	established, with possible supplemental irrigation needed or desirable during spring and		
184	summer months or during drought periods.		
185	Water feature: Fountains, ponds, waterfalls, man-made streams, and other decorative water-		
186	related constructions provided solely for aesthetic or beautification purposes. May be referred		
187	to as decorative or ornamental water features.		
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190	CHAPTER 3: SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WATER		
191	EFFICIENCY STANDARDS		
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193	These provisions are applicable to all new single-family and two-family (twin home/duplex)		
194	residential construction and development irrespective of its underlying zoning classification, except		
195	new single-family and two-family (twin home/duplex) residential construction and development		
196	within a resort which is subject to the requirements of Chapter 7.		
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198	3-1: Construction Standards		
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A. New single-family and two-family (twin home/duplex) residential dwellings 1,200 square

feet or greater shall install hot water recirculation systems.

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203	B.	New single-family and two-family (twin home/duplex) residential dwellings shall install
204		WaterSense labeled fixtures, or fixtures that are at least as water-efficient, including, but
205		not limited to faucets, showerheads, toilets, and urinals.
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207	C.	New single-family and two-family (twin home/duplex) residential dwellings shall install
208		Energy Star qualified appliances, or appliances that are at least as energy efficient.
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210	D.	Exterior, decorative water features must be limited to an aggregate capacity of three
211		hundred (300) gallons or less and recirculating pumps are required in each feature.
212		Exterior decorative water features shall only be located on individual single-family and
213		two-family lots and not as entry features to a <u>subdivision</u> or community or in common
214		areas. The capacity of the water feature in gallons shall be deducted from the allowed
215		amount of grass using one gallon equals two square feet of grass.
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217	F	The square footage of any uncovered pool will be deducted from the allowed amount of
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219		electrically operated. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the square footage of any pool with a
220		UL approved electrically operated cover, or indoor pools, will be deducted from the
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224	3-2: Land	scape Standards
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226	A.	For all new single-family and two-family (twin home/duplex) residential construction or
227		development, the landscaping shall meet the following requirements:
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229		1. Grass area must not exceed eight percent (8%) of the lot square footage, up to a
230		maximum of 2,000 square feet of grass area.
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232		2. Grass is not permitted in common areas of a development unless it is an active
233		recreation area.
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235		3. In addition, grass is prohibited in park strips, landscape buffers, and on any slope
236		that exceeds 10%; and
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238		4. Any lot in any zone which is larger than one-half (1/2) acre must use secondary
239		irrigation where available to irrigate any agricultural, horticultural, or gardening
240		uses which are permitted in the applicable zone.
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### CHAPTER 4: MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

These provisions are applicable to all new multifamily construction and development irrespective of its underlying zoning classification, except new construction and development within a resort which will be subject to the requirements of Chapter 7.

#### **4-1: Construction Standards**

A. New multifamily dwellings shall install WaterSense labeled fixtures, or fixtures that are at least as water-efficient, including, but not limited to faucets, showerheads, toilets, and urinals.

B. New multifamily dwellings shall install Energy Star qualified appliances, or appliances that are at least as energy efficient.

C. Exterior, decorative water features must be limited to an aggregate capacity of three hundred (300) gallons or less and recirculating pumps are required in each feature. Exterior decorative water features shall not be located as entry features to the development or in common areas. The capacity of the water feature in gallons shall be deducted from the allowed amount of grass using one gallon equals two square feet of grass.

D. The square footage of any uncovered pool will be deducted from the allowed amount of grass. A pool is considered uncovered if it does not have a UL approved cover that is electrically operated." Twenty-five percent (25%) of the square footage of any pool with a UL approved electrically operated cover, or indoor pools, shall be deducted from the allowed amount of grass.

E. All townhome and condominium units shall be separately metered, submetered, or equipped with alternative technology capable of tracking the water use of the individual unit, and the information shall be made available to the individual unit.

F. Separate water meters are required, where secondary water is available, for all outdoor water usage, including landscaping.

### 4-2: Landscape Standards

For all new multifamily construction or development, the landscaping shall meet the following requirements:

A. Grass area must not exceed five percent (5%) of the total development's square footage.

B. Grass is not permitted in common areas of a development unless it is an active recreation area.

C. In addition, grass is prohibited in park strips, landscape buffers, and on any slope that exceeds 10%; and D. Landscape and irrigation installers shall follow the planting plans that have been signed and approved by the city. E. Each project shall propose and follow an approved Planting Plan that has a minimum of 20% vegetative cover (based on the American Society of Landscape Architects "Landscape Architecture Documentation Standards: Principles, Guidelines and Best Practices") of a landscaped area with water-efficient shade trees and bushes adequate in number and configuration to visually enhance the project, prevent heat islands, and prevent soil erosion. F. If secondary irrigation water is available, each project shall connect to the system for all outdoor water use. A city may make minor exceptions, allowing use of treated water for outdoor plantings in small beautification areas, in its sole discretion. **CHAPTER 5: NONRESIDENTIAL ZONES AND DEVELOPMENT WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS** These provisions are applicable to all new construction and new development in all nonresidential zones, and nonresidential development in any zone, except development within a resort which is subject to the requirements of Chapter 7. 5-1: Construction Standards A. Hot water recirculation systems shall be installed. B. WaterSense labeled fixtures, or fixtures that are at least as water-efficient, shall be installed, including, but not limited to faucets, showerheads toilets, and urinals. C. Energy Star qualified appliances, or appliances that are at least as energy-efficient, shall be installed. D. Except for hotels, all individually platted units shall be separately metered, submetered, or equipped with alternative technology capable of tracking the water use of the individual unit, and the information shall be made available to the individual unit. All nonresidential projects require separate water meters for all outdoor water usage, including landscaping, where and when secondary water is available. 

E. All carwash projects shall recirculate and limit the maximum amount of water to thirty-333 five (35) gallons per vehicle washed. 334 335 F. Exterior, decorative water features must be limited to an aggregate capacity of three 336 hundred (300) gallons or less for each individually platted property, and recirculating 337 pumps are required in each feature. Exterior decorative water features shall not be located 338 339 as entry features to a development. The capacity of the water feature in gallons shall be deducted from the allowed amount of grass using one gallon equals two square feet of 340 341 grass. 342 343 **5-2: Landscape Standards** 344 A. All new construction and new development in all nonresidential zones, and nonresidential 345 development in any zone, shall meet the Landscape Design Standards and Irrigation 346 Design Standards of this ordinance. 347 348 1. Grass is not permitted outside of an active recreation area. In addition, grass is 349 prohibited in park strips, all landscape areas less than eight feet wide, and on any 350 slope that exceeds 10%. 351 352 2. Landscape and irrigation installers shall follow the plans that have been signed and 353 approved by the city. 354 355 3. Each project shall propose and follow an approved Planting Plan that has a minimum 356 of 20% vegetative cover (based on the American Society of Landscape Architects 357 "Landscape Architecture Documentation Standards: Principles, Guidelines and Best 358 Practices") of a landscaped area with water-efficient shade trees and bushes adequate 359 in number and configuration to visually enhance the project, prevent heat islands, and 360 prevent soil erosion. 361 362 4. If secondary irrigation water is available, each project shall connect to the system for 363 all outdoor water use. A city may make minor exceptions, allowing use of treated 364 water for outdoor plantings in small beautification areas, in its sole discretion. 365 366 B. Required Documentation 367 368 369 1. Landscape Documentation Package: A copy of a Landscape Documentation Package shall be submitted to and approved by the city prior to the issue of any building 370 371 permit. A copy of the approved Landscape Documentation Package shall be provided 372 to the property owner or site manager. The Landscape Documentation Package shall 373 be prepared by a landscape designer or a professional landscape architect (PLA).

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#### CHAPTER 6: LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION DESIGN STANDARDS FOR ALL

**NEW DEVELOPMENT IN ANY ZONE** except new construction and development within a resort which will be subject to the requirements of Chapter 7.

#### 6-1: Plant Selection and Maintenance

Plants shall be well-suited to the microclimate and soil conditions at the project site. Native, locally adaptable, and environmentally sustainable plants are acceptable. See the Washington County Water Conservancy District's recommended plant list on wcwcd.org. Plants with similar water needs shall be grouped together as much as possible into hydrozones for efficient irrigation. Invasive plant species as identified by the city shall not be planted.

A. Areas with slopes greater than 10% shall be landscaped with deep-rooting, water-conserving plants that do not include grass.

B. Park strips and landscape buffers shall be landscaped with water-conserving plants and/or mulch that do not include grass.

C. Landscaping shall be maintained in a live and thriving condition, with consideration for normal growth and water needs; and fertilized, mowed, trimmed, edged, mulched and free from weeds, dead plants, litter, refuse, or debris in compliance with regionally accepted horticultural practice and city ordinances.

6-2: Tree Selection

Tree species shall be selected based on growth characteristics and site conditions, including available space, overhead clearance, soil conditions, exposure, and desired color and appearance. Trees shall be suited for water-efficient landscapes; however, fruit and nut trees are allowed. Trees shall be selected and planted in accordance with the following city guidance:

A. Broad canopy trees are recommended where shade or screening of tall objects is desired;

B. Low-growing trees are recommended for spaces under utility wires;

C. Select trees from which lower branches will be trimmed to maintain a healthy growth habit where visual clearance and natural surveillance is a concern;

D. Narrow or columnar trees are recommended for small spaces, or where awnings or other building features limit growth, or where greater visibility is desired between buildings and the street for natural surveillance;

E. Tree placement shall provide canopy cover (shade) and avoid conflicts with existing trees, retaining walls, above and below ground utilities, lighting, and other obstructions;

## 6-3: Irrigation Design Standards

- A. Pressure Regulation. A pressure regulating valve shall be installed by the builder or developer, and maintained by the owner, if the static service pressure exceeds ninety (90) pounds per square inch (psi). The pressure-regulating valve shall be located between the meter and the first point of water use, or first point of division in the pipe, and shall be set at the manufacturer's recommended pressure for the sprinklers.
- B. Irrigation Controller. It is required that landscaped areas use a WaterSense labeled smart irrigation controller, or controllers that are at least as water-efficient, which automatically adjusts the frequency and/or duration of irrigation events in response to changing weather conditions. All controllers shall be equipped with automatic rain delay or rain shut-off capabilities and have memory retention capability to retain pre-programmed irrigation schedules. Sites are not exempt from water waste prohibitions.
- C. Low-volume irrigation equipment (i.e., drip emitters, bubblers) shall be provided for each tree.
- D. Drip irrigation shall be used to irrigate plants in non-grass areas.
- E. High conservation efficiency spray nozzles are required for sprinkler applications.
- F. Sprinkler heads shall have matched precipitation rates with each control valve circuit.
- G. Filters shall be provided for drip irrigation lines.
- H. Landscape watering with potable (treated) water is prohibited based on Ivins City requirements, which are currently from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., from June 1 to September 1, to maximize irrigation efficiency.
- I. Water waste is prohibited. Waste includes overwatering, irrigating during a precipitation event, water that sprays or flows off your property, failure to comply with drought restrictions and/or a failure to repair irrigation system leaks and/or malfunctions in a timely manner.
- J. Program valves for multiple repeat cycles are required to reduce runoff on slopes and for soils with slow infiltration rates.

### CHAPTER 7: RESORT DEVELOPMENT WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

- The provisions of this Chapter are applicable to all new construction, and new development within any resort.
- Specific provisions of this Chapter can be waived by the City if a hydrologist, water use engineer, landscape architect that is licensed in the State of Utah, or similarly qualified expert approved by the

City provides a statement and supporting documentation showing that the design meets or exceeds all the water conservation measures and goals in this ordinance.

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#### 7-1: Construction Standards

A. Within the resort development, new single-family, two-family (twin home/duplex), and three-family (triplex) residential dwellings 1,200 square feet or greater shall install hot water recirculation systems.

B. All water fixtures shall be WaterSense labeled fixtures, or fixtures that are at least as water-efficient, including, but not limited to faucets, showerheads, toilets, and urinals.

C. All appliances shall be Energy Star qualified appliances, or appliances that are at least as energy-efficient.

D. Exterior, decorative water features must have recirculating pumps. This excludes any area of a golf course and water features within a golf course. Exterior decorative water features shall not be used as entry features to the resort development. The allowed amount of grass will be reduced based on the capacity of the water feature in gallons using one gallon equals two square foot of grass.

E. The square footage of any uncovered pool will be counted towards the allowed amount of grass. A pool is considered uncovered if it does not have a UL approved cover that is electrically operated." Twenty-five percent (25%) of the square footage of any pool with a UL approved electrically operated cover, or indoor pools, will be counted towards the allowed amount of grass.

F. Except for hotel rooms, all residential and nonresidential units shall be separately metered, submetered, or equipped with alternative technology capable of tracking the water use of the individual unit, and the information shall be made available to the individual unit. All nonresidential projects require separate water meters for all outdoor water usage, including landscaping.

#### 7-2: Landscape Standards

A. Grass area must not exceed eight percent (8%) of the square footage of the total resort development. This excludes the grass area of any golf course.

B. Grass is not permitted outside of an active recreation area. Grass is prohibited in park strips, landscape buffers, and on any slope that exceeds 10%; and

C. Any lot in any zone which is larger than one-half (1/2) acre must use secondary irrigation where available to irrigate any agricultural, horticultural, or gardening uses which are permitted in the applicable zone.

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- D. Landscape and irrigation installers shall follow the plans that have been signed and approved by the city.
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- E. Each project shall propose and follow an approved Planting Plan that has a minimum of 20% vegetative cover (cover based on landscaping standards at maturity) of a landscaped area with water-efficient shade trees and bushes adequate in number and configuration to visually enhance the project, prevent heat islands, and prevent soil erosion.
- F. If secondary irrigation water is available, each project shall connect to the system for all outdoor water use. A city may make minor exceptions, allowing use of treated water for outdoor plantings in small beautification areas, in its sole discretion.
- 7-3: Required Documentation

architect (PLA) and installed and maintained according to industry standards.

- Landscape Documentation Package: A copy of a Landscape Documentation Package shall be submitted to and approved by the city prior to the issue of any building permit. A copy of the approved Landscape Documentation Package shall be provided to the property owner or site manager. The Landscape Documentation Package shall be prepared by a professional landscape
- 7-4: Plant Selection
- Plants shall be well-suited to the microclimate and soil conditions at the project site. Native, locally adaptable and environmentally sustainable plants are acceptable. See the Washington County Water Conservancy District's recommended plant list on wewed.org. Plants with similar water needs shall be grouped together as much as possible into hydrozones for efficient irrigation. Invasive plant
- species as identified by the city shall not be planted.
  - A. Areas with slopes greater than 10% shall be landscaped with deep-rooting, water-conserving plants that do not include grass.
  - B. Park strips and landscape buffers shall be landscaped with water-conserving plants and/or mulch that do not include grass.
- 7-5: Tree Selection
- Tree species shall be selected based on growth characteristics and site conditions, including available space, overhead clearance, soil conditions, exposure, and desired color and appearance. Trees shall be suited for water-efficient landscapes. Trees shall be selected and planted in accordance with the following city guidance:
  - A. Broad canopy trees are recommended where shade or screening of tall objects is desired;
  - B. Low-growing trees are recommended for spaces under utility wires;

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- C. Select trees from which lower branches will be trimmed to maintain a healthy growth habit 555 where visual clearance and natural surveillance is a concern; 556

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D. Narrow or columnar trees are recommended for small spaces, or where awnings or other building features limit growth, or where greater visibility is desired between buildings and the street for natural surveillance;

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E. Tree placement shall provide canopy cover (shade) and avoid conflicts with existing trees, retaining walls, above and below ground utilities, lighting, and other obstructions, and be placed to protect view corridors and viewsheds; and

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570 571 Trees shall be irrigated on a separate hydrozone as needed for efficient irrigation and allow for watering under water-shortage conditions when other plant material may not be watered due to drought conditions.

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# 7-6: Irrigation Design Standards

572 573 574 A. Pressure Regulation. A pressure regulating valve shall be installed by the builder or developer, and maintained by the owner, if the static service pressure exceeds 90 pounds per square inch (psi). The pressure-regulating valve shall be located between the meter and the first point of water use, or first point of division in the pipe, and shall be set at the manufacturer's recommended pressure for the sprinklers.

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579 580 B. Irrigation Controller. It is required that landscaped areas use a WaterSense labeled smart irrigation controllers or controllers that are at least as water-efficient, which automatically adjusts the frequency and/or duration of irrigation events in response to changing weather conditions. All controllers shall be equipped with automatic rain delay or rain shut-off capabilities and have memory retention capability to retain pre-programmed irrigation schedules. Sites are not exempt from water waste prohibitions.

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C. Low-volume irrigation equipment (i.e., drip emitters, bubblers) shall be provided for each tree.

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D. Drip irrigation shall be used to irrigate plants in non-grass areas.

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E. High conservation efficiency spray nozzles are required for sprinkler applications.

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F. Sprinkler heads shall have matched precipitation rates with each control valve circuit.

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G. Filters shall be provided for drip irrigation lines.

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H. Landscape watering with potable (treated) water is prohibited based on Ivins city requirements, which are currently from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., from June 1 to September 1, to maximize irrigation efficiency.

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I. Water waste is prohibited. Waste includes overwatering, irrigating during a precipitation event, water that sprays or flows off your property, failure to comply with drought

- restrictions and/or a failure to repair irrigation system leaks and/or malfunctions in a timely manner.
- J. Program valves for multiple repeat cycles are required to reduce runoff on slopes and for soils with slow infiltration rates.

