

June 6, 2014

Water Conservation/Salt Lake City Dept of Public Utilities

Ordinance 13 of 2014 (21A.48.055: Water Efficient Landscaping)

Re: 1) SLC Landscape BMPs for Water Resource Efficiency and Protection Update and 2) Salt Lake City Plant and Turf List Hydrozone Updates

- 1) Currently, there are no additional submittal requirements in the SLC Landscape BMPs for Water Resource Efficiency and Protection Manual for landscape packets other than what is already identified in Section 21A.48.030 Landscape Plan. Some of the new landscape requirements are listed below, but for complete details, please see 21A48.055: Water Efficient Landscaping (Ordinance 13 of 2014):
 - landscape plants shall be grouped by hydrozone
 - sprinkler audits are to be conducted and reports submitted to the City prior to issuance of a Certification of Occupancy
 - Backflow prevention plans need to be submitted

- 2) The Salt Lake City Plant and Turf Guide describes and organizes hundreds of plants by type, cultural preferences, and hydrozone. It is not required that you use a plant from the guide, but the newly adopted landscape code SLC Code 21A.48.055 Water Efficient Landscaping does require that plants be grouped by hydrozone. Besides the SLC Plant and Turf list, there are a number of comparable plant lists, including the Utah Waterwise list. Plants not listed in the SLC Plant and Turf List, in the Utah Water Wise List, or comparable list shall be considered a Hydrozone 6. Additionally, all unnamed turf cultivars shall be considered a Hydrozone 6.

Should you have questions regarding the SLC Landscape BMPs or the Plant List, please contact Stephanie Duer at 801.483.6860 or stephanie.duer@slcgov.com