

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 5330

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21.07.030(i)(7) OF THE ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE (TITLE 21 OF THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE) REGARDING CERTIFIED IRRIGATION DESIGNER

Recitals

The City Council desires to maintain effective zoning and development regulations that implement the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan while being flexible and responsive to the community's desires and market conditions and has directed that the Code be reviewed and amended as necessary.

A provision adopted by Ordinance No. 5114, which requires irrigation design certification on irrigation plans submitted to the City with development applications, is presenting challenges with implementation. Specifically, the slow adoption of the certification by professionals who routinely design irrigation systems creates the possibility that approval of many development projects may be delayed by noncompliance with the requirement.

The City therefore finds it necessary to defer the effectiveness or enforcement of this requirement until January 1, 2029. During this time, the City will be an active participant in promoting and securing the requisite certification by qualified professionals.

After public notice and public hearing as required by the Grand Junction Zoning and Development Code, the Grand Junction Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed amendments.

After public notice and public hearing, the Grand Junction City Council finds that the amendments to the Zoning & Development Code implement the vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan and that the amendments provided in this Ordinance are responsive to the community's desires, encourage orderly development of real property in the City, and otherwise advance and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the City and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

The following sections of the Zoning and Development Code (Title 21 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code) are amended as follows (deletions struck through, added language underlined):

21.07.030 GENERAL LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

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(i) Landscape Plans.

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(7) All landscape plans shall include an irrigation plan. Irrigation plans shall be certified by an irrigation design professional who has been certified through the Irrigation Association (CID), or a similar EPA WaterSense labeled certification program. This certification will be required on all irrigation plans no later than January 1, 2029.

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INTRODUCED on first reading this 1st day of July 2026 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

ADOPTED on second reading this 15th day of July 2026 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

ATTEST:



Laurel Lutz
President of the City Council



Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 5330 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 1st of July, 2026, and the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, in pamphlet form, at least ten days before its final passage.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT a Public Hearing was held on the day of the 15th of July 2026, at which Ordinance No. 5330 was read, considered, adopted, and ordered published in pamphlet form by the Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 20th day of July 2026.



Deputy City Clerk

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