

CHAPTER 10 LAWN REQUIREMENTS

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9-10-1: **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this chapter is to provide protection to all natural terrain features of a residential site which, if preserved as required herein, will add to the attractiveness and stability of the site. Standards set forth in this chapter will increase the desirability of residences, encourage investment or occupation in the city, optimize use and value of land and improvements, increase the stability and value of the property, and add to the conditions affecting the health and welfare of the city. (Amended Ord. 111A, 8-5-2002)

9-10-2: **DEFINITION:** For the purpose of this chapter, "organic/black topsoil" shall be defined as soil/dirt that has sufficient amounts of organic material to establish a suitable foundation for vegetative growth. The topsoil should contain no more than thirty five percent (35%) sand content. (Amended Ord.111A, 8-5-2002)

9-10-3: **TOPSOIL AND SEEDING OR SOD REQUIREMENTS¹:**

A. General Requirements: Organic/black soil shall be spread so as to provide at least four inches (4") over the entire yard on urban lots with city sewer and water.

B. Boulevards: All boulevards are required to be sodded in areas served by municipal sanitary sewer and/or water. On grades or exposed areas which are not sodded, lawn grass seed shall be sown at not less than four (4) pounds to each one thousand (1,000) square feet of land area. The seed shall consist of a maximum of ten percent (10%) rye grass by weight and a minimum of ninety percent (90%) of permanent bluegrass and/or fescue grass by weight. Boulevard sodding shall be completed in accordance with Subsection 11-4-8A3 of this code, requiring the sodding

¹ See also section 9-1-5 of this title and subsections 11-3-3N and 11-4-8A3 and B3 of this code. to be completed prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

C. Residential Lots: All residential lots with municipal sanitary sewer and/or water shall be sodded or seeded from the boulevard edge to the rear wall of the principal residence on the lot. Wetlands shall be exempt from the sodding and seeding requirements as determined by the city, Department of Natural Resources, watersheds, or conservation district. The spreading of soil and seeding or sodding of the front and side yard lawn shall be completed within six

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(6) months after the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. (Amended Ord. 111A, 8-5-2002)

9-10-4: **RETROACTIVE CLAUSE:** If the lawn is not established within six (6) months after the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, the city may use the escrow to establish the lawn. The escrow shall be on deposit (from the developer) in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for each lawn that is not established at the time of issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy. (Amended Ord. 111A, 8-5-2002)

9-10-5: **ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL:** The Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Andover shall enforce this chapter. (Amended Ord. 111A, 8-5-2002)

9-10-6: **PENALTY:** A violation of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor as defined by state law as amended. (Amended Ord. 111A, 8-5-2002)