



Synthetic Turf Verification Statement

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The installation of synthetic turf within the City of Tampa is subject to applicable City policies, permitting requirements, and the minimum standards established under Section 125.572, Florida Statutes, and Rule 62-308.100, Florida Administrative Code.

ACCELA INSTRUCTIONS

Upload completed form to your Accela permit record prior to scheduling the inspection. Select document type "Other documents." Add "Synthetic Turf Verification Statement" in the Document Name field.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AREAS

Installation of Synthetic turf within the right-of-way, swales, ditches, and public easement areas are prohibited.

CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Must show the limits of any proposed Synthetic turf areas, with specifications/details adequate to define the proposed synthetic turf system (including a construction cross-section). The plan must also include boundary survey information such as property lines, right-of-way lines, easement lines, existing and proposed grades, existing trees, drainage features, utilities, and other existing features.

VERIFICATION STATEMENT

Permit No.: _____

On _____ (insert date), I did personally inspect synthetic turf installation work at the following location at address _____

Based upon the examination, I have determined that the following synthetic turf installation was performed in accordance with the Stormwater Technical Standards Manual, Tree & Landscape Technical Manual, Chapter 21 (Stormwater Code), and Chapter 27 (Tree and Landscape Code):

- 1) I certify this synthetic turf installation is: ☐ Pervious according to Stormwater Synthetic Turf Policy

In my professional opinion, based on my knowledge, information, and belief, I certify that the above statement is true and correct.

Signature of Registered Agent

Printed Name of Registered Agent

Date

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of

☐ physical presence or ☐ online notarization, this _____ day of _____

By _____
(Name of person making statement)

Signature of Notary Public – State of Florida

AFFIX
NOTARY
SEAL

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

☐ Personally Known or ☐ Produced Identification Type of Identification Produced: _____



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Permit Application Guide

This guide contains minimum permit application filing requirements.

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G1. Synthetic Turf is NOT allowed on Right-of-Way (ROW).

G2. Additional approval by Historic Preservation may be required if located in a historic district.

REGISTER WITH THE CITY OF TAMPA

R1. Business Tax License and Workers' Compensation Insurance are required to issue a permit.

CREATE AN ACCELA ACCOUNT

ACA1. Visit our online permitting portal at <https://aca.tampagov.net> to create an account.

ACA2. To assist you with account registration, please view our guidance document on how to [Create an Account](#).

PERMITTING

P1. For Residential and Commercial properties, apply for:

- a. Record type - BLD Miscellaneous
- b. Permit type - Driveway, Patio Slab, Deck

Quick Tips and Notes for BLD record creation

Applicability: This guide is applicable for commercial and residential properties.

Registration: Email registration documents CSDHelp@tampagov.net

- Condos, though residentially occupied, require commercial permits.
- Turf installer should add their license to the BLD record.
- NOC and any required documents for inspection must be uploaded to the BLD.



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Permit Submittal Guide

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- S1. Site Plan
 - a. Showing lot coverage.
 - b. Boundaries.
 - c. On-site trees and proximity trees within 20 feet of the property.
- S2. Cross-section/ detail on turf.

INSPECTIONS

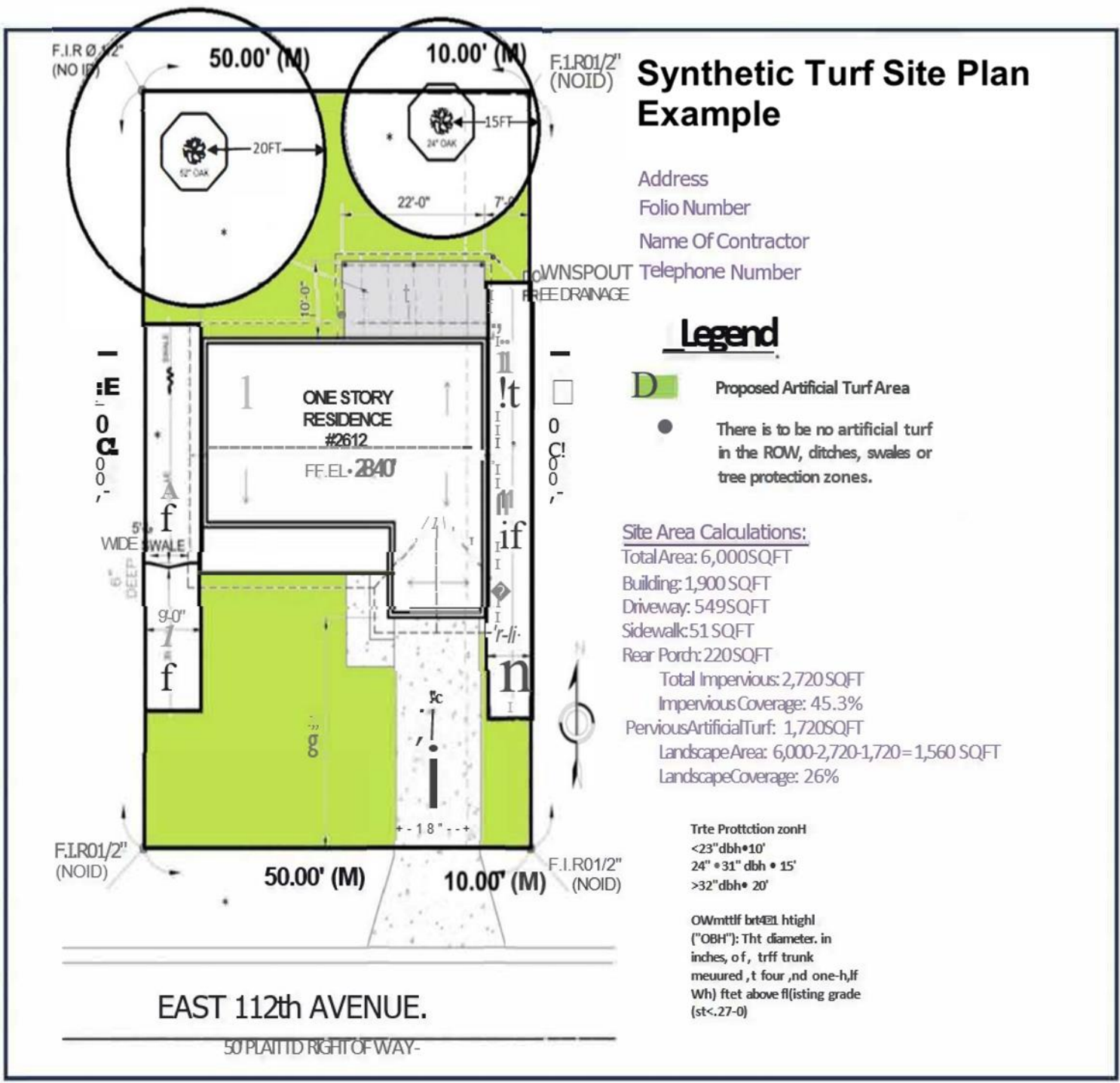
- I1. Only one inspection is required:
 - a. BLD Final
- I2. Ensure the following steps have been completed prior to scheduling the BLD Final inspection:
 - a. Copy of approved plan must be on site.
 - b. Synthetic Turf Verification Statement must be uploaded to the record.
 - c. The Product Documents and FDOT Receipt of Purchase/ Verification is required.
- I3. Once approved via a BLD Final inspection, the permit is complete.

QUICK TIPS

Notice of Commencement

A Notice of Commencement must be uploaded to the permit prior to the inspection, if the job value is greater than \$5,000.

See our [Accela Guide – Upload Notice of Commencement](#) for 24-hour assistance and immediate permit hold release



95.75'

Synthetic Turf Site Plan Example w/Pool

Address
Folio Number
Name Of Contractor
Telephone Number

Legend

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Proposed Artificial Turf Area

There is to be no artificial turf in the ROW, ditches, swales or tree protection zones.

Site Area Calculations:

Total Area: 10,533 SQFT
Building: 2,442 SQFT
Driveway: 610 SQFT
Concrete Pad: 160 SQFT
Pool Deck/Shade/cage: 884 SQFT
Total Impervious: 4,670 SQFT
Impervious Coverage: 45.3%
Pervious Artificial Turf: 2,200 SQFT
Pool Water: 503 SQFT
Total Pervious: 2,703 SQFT
Pervious Coverage: 25.7%
Landscape Area: 10,533-4,670- 2,703= 1,560 SQFT
Landscape Coverage: 30%

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2...31.dbh.. 15'
>32-dbh.. 20'
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26.8% PERVIOUS AREA. LIWSC,T

49.5% IMPERVIOUS AREA- 4,033 SQFT

24% GREENSPACE AREA- 1,932 SQFT

Synthetic Turf Site Plan Example w/Pool and Multiple Landscape Area

1,432 SQFT- ARTIFICIAL TURF

246 SQFT- POOL DECKING

542 SQFT NATURAL SOD

CMNSTACI

3,787 SQFT HOUSE/ DRIVEWAY

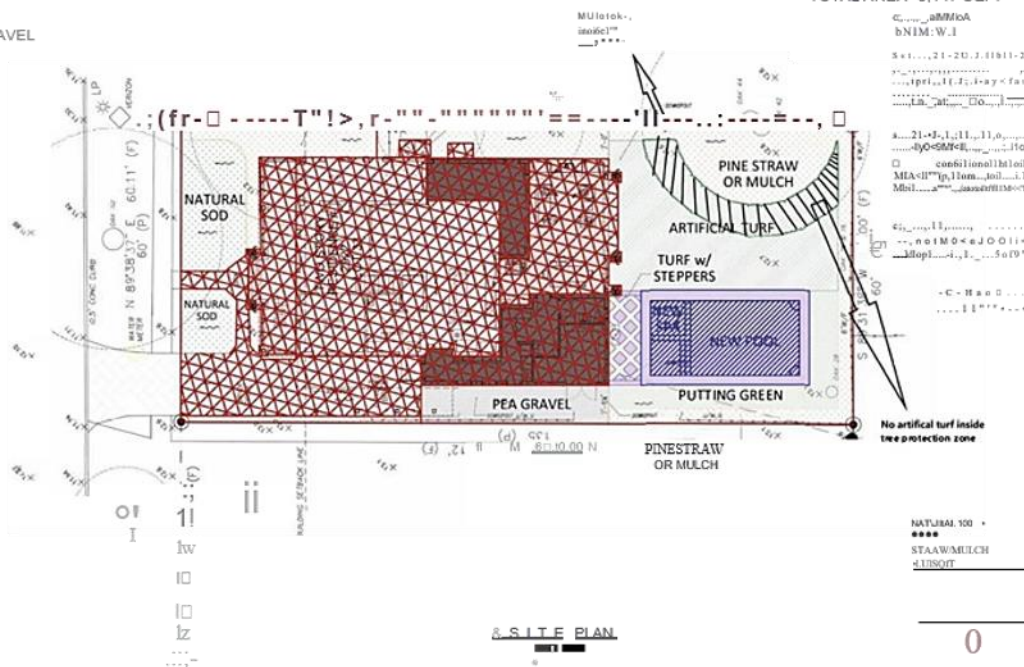
1,390 SQFT- PINE STRAW/MULCH

CHINSPACI

450 SQFT-POOL/SPA

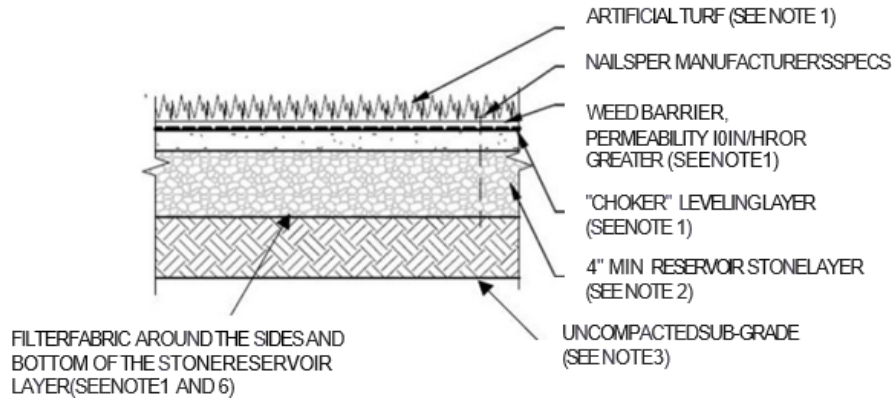
TOTAL AREA- 8,147 SQFT

300 SQFT- GRAVEL



Typical Pervious Synthetic Turf System

(For Review Aid Purposes Only, Not for Design)



NOTES:

1. The artificial turf top layer and any filter fabric layers, choker/layers or other layers have a permeability of 10 in/hr or greater. No impermeable layers such as visqueen.
2. A reservoir layer is provided consisting of 4" or more of clean, washed stone that consists of granite, limestone or crushed concrete. It must meet FOOT 114, 1157 or 1189 stone specifications. No screenings allowed.
3. The underlying soils must remain uncompacted.
4. To ensure adequate retention volume in the stone reservoir layer, minimum sizing is FOOT 1189 stone.
5. As part of the construction inspection approval process, a copy of the aggregate testing report (from the aggregate supplier) must be provided to document the clean stone meets FOOT gradation requirements.
6. If filter fabric is proposed, as a part of the construction inspection approval process, a copy of the manufacturer's specifications must be provided to document permeability is 10 in/hr.
7. SW-TM 111. The act(s) of stockpiling material, grading, excavating, and other act(s) affecting drainage shall not change the surface drainage patterns to the detriment of neighboring properties or public rights-of-way.
8. SW-TM 111. C Sites must be graded such that all stormwater runoff drains to the nearest public right-of-way or drainage facility without crossing or causing detrimental impact to adjacent property.
9. Properties within the Stormwater Advisory List will undergo further review by the Stormwater Engineering Division. This may generate additional conditions added to the permit record.

Stormwater Engineering Division

306 E. Jackson St. 6N, Tampa, FL 33602

Synthetic Turf Guidelines

Date 11/09/21

(revised July 10, 2023)

(revised May 15, 2026)

Purpose

The City of Tampa Stormwater Technical Standards Manual, Section III.A, requires developers to provide sufficient documentation to the permitting department to demonstrate compliance with the standards of the manual. Section III.A further states that documentation requirements may vary based on project complexity, potential off-site impacts, and other factors.

These guidelines clarify the key stormwater documentation requirements for permit applications that include proposed synthetic turf areas and are intended to support consistent permit review.

Right-of-Way and Public Easement Areas

Synthetic turf shall not be installed within City of Tampa right-of-way or public easement areas.

Construction Plan

- a. The construction plan shall show the limits of all proposed synthetic turf areas and include specifications and details adequate to define the proposed synthetic turf system, including a construction cross-section. The plan shall also include relevant topographic survey information, including property lines, right-of-way lines, easement lines, existing and proposed grades, existing trees, drainage features, utilities, and other existing topographic features.
- b. Synthetic turf systems shall not be installed within drainage swales, ditches or stormwater ponds.
- c. These stormwater guidelines for synthetic turf do not address environmental issues, including potential impacts to trees. Proposed synthetic turf areas are subject to review and approval by the City of Tampa Forester Examiner to confirm appropriate separation from existing trees and tree roots.
- d. A design sealed by a civil engineer is not typically required for synthetic turf systems. However, the City of Tampa reserves the right to require signed and sealed engineering plans when warranted.

Design Considerations

- a. These stormwater guidelines are based on synthetic turf geotechnical evaluations prepared by **Tierra Inc.**, dated July 5, 2023, and **Anticus LLC**, dated May 12, 2022, and on applicable FDOT standards.
- b. Infill material shall be limited to clean silica sand and/or zeolite. Rubber infill and all other infill materials are not permitted. The synthetic turf system shall be designed and installed to prevent infill material from washing away, migrating off-site, or entering the stormwater system. Infill material shall comply with applicable federal and state standards related to heavy metal content and other potential contaminants.

- c. The synthetic turf system shall be designed and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

½" Retention for Residential Lots

The City of Tampa Stormwater Technical Standards Manual, Section IV.B.2, requires ½ inch of retention for residential lots that exceed 50% total lot impervious coverage.

For purposes of calculating total lot impervious coverage, synthetic turf shall be considered pervious only when all requirements below are met. Synthetic turf systems that do not meet these requirements shall not qualify as pervious area.

Pervious Synthetic Turf Systems

Synthetic turf areas may be considered Pervious, 0% impervious, when computing total lot impervious coverage, provided the system meets all of the following criteria:

- a) The synthetic turf top layer, and any filter fabric layers, choker layers, or other system layers, shall have a permeability of 10 inches per hour. Impermeable layers, including but not limited to visqueen or similar materials, are prohibited.
- b) A reservoir layer shall be provided consisting of 4 inches or more of clean stone.
- c) Clean stone shall consist of washed granite, limestone, or crushed concrete meeting FDOT #89, #57, or #4 stone specifications. FDOT #89 stone is the minimum acceptable gradation. Screenings are not permitted.
- d) The underlying soils shall remain uncompacted.
- e) As part of the construction inspection approval process, an aggregate testing report from the aggregate supplier shall be provided to document that the clean stone meets FDOT gradation requirements.
- f) If filter fabric is proposed, manufacturer's specifications shall be provided as part of the construction inspection approval process to document permeability of 10 inches per hour.
- g) The synthetic turf system shall be maintained in a permeable condition and shall not be altered, compacted, sealed, or covered in a manner that reduces infiltration capacity.