

**RESOLUTION NO. R20-72**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE PROPERTY OWNER AT 112/114 3<sup>rd</sup> AVENUE TO UTILIZE DECORATIVE RIVER ROCK RATHER THAN GRASS WITHIN THE BOULEVARD LOCATED ADJACENT TO HIS PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE WRITTEN REQUEST.**

WHEREAS, the owner of the property located at 112/114 3rd Avenue, within the City of Laurel, desires to change a portion of the boulevard located adjacent to his property from grass and/or sod to decorative river rock; and

WHEREAS, the property owner submitted a written request to the City Council which is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 12.32.010 of the Laurel Municipal Code Laurel currently requires all boulevard's to be kept in grass and trees unless specific permission is granted for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, the property owner has agreed to complete the project within 10 days of the City Council's approval which will improve the appearance of the boulevard which is currently brown grass and dirt due to irrigation issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of Laurel, pursuant to the written request, hereby grants permission to the property owner to install river rock within the boulevard located at 112/114 3rd Avenue, within the City of Laurel subject to the following conditions:

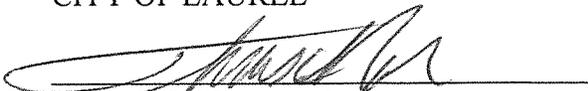
- Install weed barrier landscape fabric below river rock and around any planted shrubs or plants.
- Remove weeds and other invasive species of plants regularly.
- Spray weedkiller twice yearly to control any weeds or invasive plant species present.
- Use Xeriscaping best practices to install drought-tolerant plants and shrubs to cover a minimum of 25% of the boulevard landscaping area.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council on October 13, 2020, by Council Member Klose.

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Laurel this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

CITY OF LAUREL

  
Thomas C. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Bethany Langve, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Sam Painter, Civil City Attorney

TO: City of Laurel  
City Council

09/09/2020

FM: Darrell Dyer  
1031 Fir Ave  
Laurel, MT

RE: Boulevard Landscaping Requests  
Address: 112/114 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Laurel, MT

The two modern buildings recently built currently have withered sod and dirt in the boulevard area. The Salon owner asked if I could smooth out the dirt / brown grass and install river rock which would also be included directly in front of the buildings.

I would grind the stump down that's currently in place and install river rock.

I have a well across the alley and an entire landscaping plan will be soon enacted as I finally figured out how to use the well to sprinkle the entire block from the new fourplex west to 4<sup>th</sup> ave but I'm not allowed to cross the alley.

It seems I need the council's permission to install the rock. Upon receiving permission, the improvements will be finished within 10 days.

Thanks to everyone for your support

Warm Regards

Darrell Dyer

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Office of the City Planner

October 6, 2020

Laurel City Council  
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Comments regarding Darrell Dyer's Request for rocks in boulevard on 112-114 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

Mayor and City Council,

Darrell Dyer has requested to replace the trees and grass in the boulevards in front of his properties at 112-114 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue with river rock as is required by "LMC 12.32.010 - Boulevards to be kept in grass and trees." I am in support of this change with minor conditions that should be put in place to ensure a positive aesthetic and proper maintenance. Conditions for approval include:

- Install weed barrier landscape fabric below river rock and around any planted shrubs or plants
- Remove weeds and other invasive species of plants regularly
- Spray weedkiller twice yearly to control any weeds or invasive plant species present.
- Use Xeriscaping best practices to install drought-tolerant plants and shrubs to cover a minimum of 25% of the boulevard landscaping area.

These conditions of approval will allow the boulevard landscaping to be more easily maintained, provide a positive aesthetic, and soften the harsh building forms and paved areas of the downtown area. Thank you for your consideration of the request and these conditions of approval.

Regards,

Nicholas Altonaga

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas Altonaga", written in a cursive style.

Planning Director