## SAN IGNACIO HEIGHTS INC COMMON AREA LANDSCAPE CRITERIA Approved 1-17-2024

Purpose: The Landscape Committee is providing this document for approval by the Board.

## The Criteria is as follows:

- 1. Sightlines at intersections will not be restricted by vegetation.
- 2. Rocked drainage areas will be free of weeds, grasses, bushes, cacti, etc.
- 3. Common areas will be free of tall grasses and weeds as required by the Firewise program.
- 4. Bushes should be trimmed up from the ground to eliminate rodent and snake habitat. When two different species of bushes are growing together, one should be removed.
- 5. Common areas should be cleared of self-starting (volunteer) plants and any such plants that are desirable should be transplanted into the incubation area\* if appropriate. Residents may contribute to the incubation area with vegetation that can be used throughout our common areas as needed and approved by the landscape chairman.
- 6. Trees should be trimmed of lower branches to maintain a 5-6 foot clearance from the ground, as required by the Firewise program.
  - a. All branches that are hanging over roofs, walls and sidewalks should be trimmed.
  - b. Any vegetation (trees, bushes, cacti, etc) too close to streets, parking areas, houses, sidewalks, and walls should be removed.
  - c. Any nuisance, undesirable high maintenance, and non-native trees and vegetation should be considered for replacement.
  - d. Lantana, agave, slipper plant, rosemary, etc. and other desirable plants (low water and maintenance requirements) will be acceptable.
- 7. All water hydrants, mailbox stations, and utility boxes need to remain accessible.

This document is a list of guidelines subject to change at any time by a majority vote of the Landscape Committee. The document will be updated on an as needed basis.

<sup>\*</sup> The incubation area is the empty lot west of 4144 S Manolito Dr.