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TO: North Ogden City Mayor and City Council
FROM: Jonathan Call, City Attorney
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RE: Protective Ground Cover

The Building Department has realized the need to identify what qualifies as protective ground cover. This ordinance revision is proposed to add a definition of Protective Ground Cover which allows the Building Department to be flexible as landscaping design changes. We have specifically prohibited any noxious weeds from qualifying as protective ground cover, as well as allowed natural landscaping, provided that it is a conscious effort instead of simply relying on nature to take its course. It is hard to exactly regulate which plants are allowed, and which ones are not, without requiring an extensive study. This should give the Building Department enough tools to enforce the installation/cultivation of Protective Ground Cover.