



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

TITLE:

Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-11, of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances, related to Chapter 14, The Bastrop Building Block (B3) Code, Article 6.3 General Lot Standards, 6.3.004 PROTECTED & HERITAGE TREES adding (c) and (d); 6.3.004 PROTECTED & HERITAGE TREES changing (c) (4), adding (6); 6.3.004 PROTECTED & HERITAGE TREES changing (e) (4), adding (6); 6.3.004 PROTECTED & HERITAGE TREES adding (g)(1) and (h) (1) and (2); 6.3.004 PROTECTED & HERITAGE TREES adding (f) (2); as attached in Exhibit A; and providing for findings of fact, repealer, severability, codification, effective date, proper notice, meeting and move to include on the February 25, 2025 Consent Agenda for the second reading.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Kennedy Higgins, Senior Planner, Development Services

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

This amendment seeks to improve tree protection by adding requirements for a tree survey, specifications for replacement trees, and also adding penalties when not followed.

On October 30th, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a workshop that introduced some code amendments. On January 30th, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on the same amendments from the previous meeting. The public hearing was held, members of the community spoke their questions and concerns. Options were given to the Planning and Zoning commission, their motion is as follows; “motion to amend section 6.3.004 PROTECTED & HERITAGE TREES to add the requirement of a tree survey, add penalties and replacement trees shall be a minimum of 2 " in diameter measured at 12" above ground and 5 ft in height when planted and that if an ISA certified arborist deems a replacement tree as dead or dying that the tree has to be replaced in perpetuity.” The red lines reflect the updated motion. The motion passed unanimously.

On January 13th the Parks and Recreation board held a meeting where these amendments were discussed. The parks board provided their recommendations, and then the Planning and Zoning Commission made their recommendations based on those from the Parks board.

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Bastrop Building Block (B3) Code Technical Manual

Per the technical manual table 1.4.001A Development Application Approval Process, a public hearing and recommendation from Planning and Zoning, and then another public hearing and decision from City Council is required for any text amendments.

RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment 1: Memo Staff Report from P&Z
- Attachment 2: Ordinance No. 2025-11
 - Exhibit A- Redlined Changes