



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 11, 2025

TITLE:

Conduct a public hearing, consider and act on the first reading of Ordinance No. 2025-10, 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 (c) 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:

These amendments are to increase protections for trees within the City Limits by matching Texas local Government code section 212.908, that allows mitigation to begin at 10 inches.

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, and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with a vote of 6-0.

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. 2025-10
 - Exhibit A- Redlined Changes