City of Diamondhead, MS Request for Council Action

TO: City Council/City Clerk
FROM: Anna Liese
DATE: <u>8/27/25</u>
Ordinance X Resolution Agreement Info Only Work Session Other AGENDA LOCATION: Consent Agenda X Regular Agenda AGENDA DATE REQUESTED 9/2/25
Motion to direct the Planning and Zoning Commission to review and revise the language in the current tree ordinance regarding the clearing of lots, both residential and commercial. While the ordinance clearly requires a certain number of trees to be retained, it does not fully align with the intent of preserving mature trees and safeguarding the city's tree canopy. The Commission is asked to consider incorporating a tree survey and pre- and post-inspections as part of the permitting process, as well as requiring that a clearing permit be posted on lots prior to clearing. They should also consider if said permit should publicly outline how many trees are to be retained. Furthermore, the Commission should hold a public hearing to solicit input on proposed revisions and return to the Council with updated language that more effectively protects mature trees and enhances Diamondhead's tree canopy.
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