



TO: City Council and City Manager

FROM: J. Pat Rich, Development Coordinator

DATE: August 28, 2023

SUBJECT: Recommendation from the Planning Commission for a Text Amendment to the Tree Ordinance

The text amendment will replace the Tree Ordinance with the Tree Preservation and Protection Ordinance. The text amendment will accomplish the following:

- require new developments to hire an ISA certified arborist to develop and manage all preservation and protection plans until final plat approval.
- plan approval rests with Building Official.
- tree protection requirements during construction.
- monthly reporting on plan
- increased penalties for violations.
- increase protected trees from 2 to 7.
- permits for homeowners are required ONLY if protected trees are involved.

At its meeting on August 22, 2023, the Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend approving the Text Amendment.