



City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: April 20, 2023

RE: Ordinance Number 23-08: Amending the tree protection section of the City's Land Development Regulations to increase the penalty amount for tree removal without a permit from \$50 to \$2,500

Introduction:

Since the Lake Lincoln Lookout Subdivision site was completely cleared of trees contrary to their approvals, the City Commissioners have sought methods to prevent this from happening in the future. To that end, the City Commissioners have instructed the Development Services staff to make a few changes to the Tree Protection section of the City's Land Development Regulations. The proposed change is considered a quick fix until additional best practices relating to tree protection can be brought back, presented, discussed by the City Commission and added to the City's Land Development Regulations.

Background:

Staff recommends approval of this change to be added to the City's Land Development Regulations so that this penalty can be imposed on those property owners/contractors/individuals who cut down a protected tree in the City.

Budget/Staff Impact:

A tree fund should be established by the City to have a specific separate account to place future fines and penalties.

Prepared By:

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Attachment:

Ordinance Number 23-08

Revised Tree Protection Ordinance