



# City of Eustis

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TO: EUSTIS CITY COMMISSION

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: April 6, 2023

RE: CONSIDERATION: REVISING THE TREE PROTECTION SECTION IN THE LDRs

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**Introduction:**

Recent issues with tree removal and clear cutting have brought to light potential deficiencies within the Land Development Regulations relating to tree protection. If steps are not taken to tighten up these regulations, the City will continue to have current wooded areas cleared by builders and developers. The development community often seeks the quickest, most efficient, and cost-effective approach to clearing and tree removal. This activity has the potential to devalue the quality of life for both current and future residents.

**Background:**

The current language related to trees in the Land Development Regulations needs to be reviewed and highlighted to emphasize the importance and value of mature trees. Please see attached Section 115-10 of the Land Development Regulations.

**Recommended Action:**

Consensus by the City Commission to revise the tree section of the Land Development Regulations and bring back more restrictive measures for tree protection/tree replacement.

**Budget/Staff Impact:**

N/A

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**Attachment:**

Section 115-10 of the Land Development Regulations