



CITY COUNCIL CONSENT ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

AGENDA TOPIC: Approval of the second reading of an ordinance amending the budget of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch for FY 2023-24 to fund \$10,000 toward the Oak Wilt Program.

DATE: June 20, 2024

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PRESENTED BY: Consent - Kelsey Delgado, Environmental Program Manager

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

On May 2, 2024, the City Council approved a resolution establishing a Tree Mitigation Fund and creating an Oak Wilt Program. Through the Oak Wilt Program, funds are made available annually to incentivize and aid in oak wilt treatment within the city limits through a reimbursement process. Program applicants may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 50% of the total cost of eligible services, with a maximum reimbursement amount of \$1,500 per property per fiscal year.

This budget amendment will allocate \$10,000 from the Tree Mitigation Fund to the Oak Wilt Program to jumpstart the program for the remainder of FY 2023-24. Additional funding for FY 2024-25 will be requested during the City's annual budgeting process.

Staff is working with the communications team to advertise the Oak Wilt Program to the citizens of Fair Oaks Ranch. Communications may include, but are not limited to, updates to the City's Oak Wilt webpage, new flashes, and social media posts.

City Council approved the first reading on June 6, 2024.

POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:

- Supports Priority 2.5 of the Strategic Action Plan to Develop, Implement and Update Environmental Sustainability Programs.
- Provides financial assistance directly to residents for oak wilt mitigation and treatment.

LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The Tree Mitigation Fund is used to fund the Oak Wilt Program. These funds are paid by developers as a fee-in-lieu of mitigation and not by property taxes. If this budget amendment for \$10,000 is approved, there will be \$149,600 remaining in the Tree Mitigation Fund for future requirements.

LEGAL ANALYSIS:

Legal has reviewed the ordinance and approved it as to form.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

Consent - I move to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending the budget of the City of Fair Oaks Ranch for FY 2023-24 to fund \$10,000 toward the Oak Wilt Program.