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## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

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AGENDA TOPIC: Tree Preservation Workshop Follow-Up  
DATE: October 3, 2024  
DEPARTMENT: Public Works  
PRESENTED BY: Kelsey Delgado, Environmental Program Manager

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### **INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:**

In February 2023, the City Council held a tree preservation workshop to review the City's existing tree ordinances, compare with other municipalities and discuss possible updates on protecting trees on private property. Other topics included the creation of an Oak Wilt Fund, a fee-in-lieu of mitigation, and Tree City USA recognition. Based on Council feedback, no action was taken to develop tree preservation requirements for private property.

In July 2024, the City received a request from concerned residents to reevaluate the City's tree ordinances to protect trees on private property. This workshop will provide an update on the goals outlined in the February 2023 Tree Preservation Workshop and discuss the preservation of mature trees on private property.

Staff seeks Council direction regarding future tree ordinance updates to include the protection of trees on private property. No formal action is required as part of this workshop.

### **POLICY ANALYSIS/BENEFIT(S) TO CITIZENS:**

- Supports Project 2.5.6 of the Strategic Action Plan to Develop and Implement Tree Preservation and Oak Wilt Assessment Program.
- The preservation of mature trees contributes to the hill country aesthetic and makes the City a desirable place to live.
- Continues the City's commitment to protecting the City's urban canopy.

### **LONGTERM FINANCIAL & BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

N/A