



CITY OF
FORESTPARK

City Council Agenda Item

Subject: Council Discussion to approve Case # TA-2024-11 Text Amendments for Title 8. – Planning and Development, Chapter 8. Zoning, Article E. – Tree Protection, of the City of Forest Park Code of Ordinances to amend such section, adding section 8-8-142 Tree Bank Ordinance.

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Date Submitted: December 20, 2024

Work Session Date: January 06, 2025

Council Meeting Date: January 06, 2025

Background/History:

The Planning & Community Development Department has discovered some areas of the Code of Ordinances that need to be amended for clarity and formal processes. This update promotes environmental sustainability, enhances urban greenery, and mitigates the loss of trees due to development. A tree bank allows developers to offset tree removal by contributing to a fund dedicated to tree planting and maintenance in other areas, ensuring that the community continues to benefit from tree cover. This approach helps improve air quality, manage stormwater, and preserve biodiversity, while also fostering compliance with environmental regulations.

On Thursday December 19, 2024, The city of forest park Planning Commission voted to approve the amendment to the ordinance. If the Mayor and Council approves the proposed text amendment, The city of Forest Park will be able to move forward with establishing a tree bank ordinance.

Cost: N/A

Budgeted for: N/A **es** **No**

Financial Impact:

Action Requested from Council: To Approve Case # TA-2024-11 Text Amendment amending such section, adding section 8-8-142 Tree Bank Ordinance.