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MEMORANDUM

Date: June 24, 2022

To: Tyler Marr, Interim Deputy City Manager

Thru: Mike Calhoon, Parks Director

From: Kendra Boot, City Forester

Re: Follow-up regarding First Reading of Ordinance No. 078, 2022, Amending Chapter 27 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins Relating to Forestry.

Introduction

The purpose of this memo is to answer questions from the Council's Consent Calendar Follow-up of the June 21 meeting, regarding this ordinance and *improving tree policies*, a Council Priority.

Discussion:

Both Councilmember Ohlson and Councilmember Pignataro mentioned that they were expecting more changes regarding improved tree policies. The Chapter 27 code amendments are the first step towards accomplishing Council's priority around improved policies, beginning with dedicating trees as important community infrastructure.

Next Steps:

Staff is currently reviewing a draft report from Clarion Associates on a consultant driven Land Use Code (LUC) Audit that benchmarked the City LUC with peer cities around the country, as an additional step towards the priority. Staff will bring forward findings to a Council Work Session in the fourth quarter of this year.

In addition, Forestry Staff has submitted a 2023/2024 budget offer to seek funding for an Urban Forest Strategic Planning effort to establish more long-term implementable action items to preserve and protect the community's canopy.