



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

TO: Planning and Zoning Commission **MEETING DATE:** July 25, 2023
FROM: Michael Daniels, AICP, Development Services Director
SUBJECT: Ordinance O-23-2023 regarding proposed Landscape Ordinance Revisions

BACKGROUND

The Citizens Advisory Committee, led by Chris Gay have evaluated the City's current Landscape Ordinance and are recommending changes regarding the following areas:

1. Purpose and Intent
2. Definitions
3. Landscape Design and Materials
4. Tree Preservation during development and construction
5. Removal of Tree Requirements
6. Exceptions and Exemptions
7. Conditions for Tree Removal
8. Tree Replacement Requirements
9. List of Recommended Plants

Mr. Gay has made a recommendation to City Council on May 16, 2023, and Council directed to staff to work with Mr. Gay and move forward with proposed revisions. Mr. Gay presented the landscape ordinance changes to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the June meeting.

Included in the packet is:

1. The existing landscape ordinance (pgs 35-46)
2. Proposed changes to the landscape ordinance
3. Ordinance O-23-2023, showing the proposed changes

Pursuant to the discussion at the previous the following changes were made to the ordinance:

- A section was added to address tree canopy roadways where within these designated areas, action taken regarding tree removal application will City Council approval at publically noticed meetings.
- A section was added regarding buffering requirements adjacent to incompatible uses.
- Organizational changes were made throughout the document

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to recommend approval of ordinance O-23-2023 to the City Council.