



CITY OF  
**LONG LAKE**

## **City Council Agenda Report**

### **City of Long Lake**

450 Virginia Avenue, PO Box 606

Long Lake, MN 55356

**MEETING DATE / August 4, 2025**

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**SUBJECT:** Review Working Draft of Ordinance Amending City Code Chapter 16 – Environment, Article IV. Trees to Update Tree Management Standards and Regulations

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**Report Date:** 7/31/2025

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### **Recommended City Council Action**

Staff recommends the following:

No formal action is requested at this time. Staff is requesting the Council discuss the draft ordinance and provide feedback to guide development of a final draft for review at an upcoming meeting.

### **Overview / Background**

Recognizing that current City Code regarding tree standards is outdated and primarily focuses on Dutch elm disease, staff has prepared a working draft of an ordinance amending Chapter 16 – Environment, Article IV. Trees to:

- Incorporate ‘shade tree pest’ language and statutory references;
- To be inclusive of tree preservation plan requirements already set forth in the City’s Zoning Code for consistency;
- To better establish the City’s authority for inspections and abatement of nuisances; and
- To clarify that state statute governs tree disputes between private property owners, and the City does not have an enforcement role in such situations.

Staff is presenting this draft ordinance with the intent to welcome Council feedback that will guide the development of a final draft document to be submitted for review by the City Attorney. Notice of a public hearing would be published in advance of staff placing the final ordinance on a Council agenda for formal action.

### **Supporting Information**

- Draft Ordinance amending City Code Chapter 16 – Environment, Article IV. Trees
- Minn. Stat. 561.04