



MEETING DATE: December 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Tree Protection Ordinance

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BACKGROUND

Staff presented initial recommendations on the Tree Protection Ordinance to the Environmental Commission Subcommittee on November 2, 2022. The Subcommittee provided feedback to staff. Staff has also been seeking information from a Certified Arborist to inform their recommendations for the Ordinance.

STATUS UPDATE

Staff has continued to meet internally with the Development Services Department to learn about the processes and procedures of Tree Removal Permits and has continued to research neighboring jurisdictions' policies on protected trees. Staff will also begin to work with members of the Subcommittee to assess the City's Street Tree Planting List.

Staff expects to receive proposals from three Certified Arborists by December 9, 2022, and will meet internally to review and discuss them. Staff will work with the Certified Arborist to update various policy elements of the ordinance and will bring updated recommendations to the Subcommittee by early next year.