



**MEETING DATE:** March 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Tree Protection Ordinance

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## **BACKGROUND**

Staff reviewed arborist proposals and selected a consulting firm to provide technical and policy recommendations to inform the update of the City's Tree Protection Ordinance and Street Tree Planting List and to create a Private Tree Planting List for replacement trees.

## **STATUS UPDATE**

The Planning and Sustainability Division met with the consultant on February 15, 2023, to kick off the project, assess the current implementation process for the tree protection ordinance, and review goals for the updated ordinance. During this time, the consultant was able to ask questions of the Planning staff and learn more about the Tree Protection Permit Process. Furthermore, the challenges of the process were assessed, as well as the updated ordinance's objectives.

The Parks / Maintenance and Sustainability Division met with the consultant on February 22, 2023, to understand the Trees in the Public Right-of-Way Permit Process. Additionally, they discussed the challenges of the current processes and goals for the updated ordinance regarding trees in the public right-of-way.

The consultant continues to work on the deliverables and are expected to complete their work in the coming weeks. City staff will bring updated recommendations to the Environmental Commission Subcommittee before bringing them to the Environmental Commission.