



MEETING DATE: November 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Status Update – Tree Protection Ordinance

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BACKGROUND

On May 24, 2022, City Council directed the Environmental Commission to work with City staff to evaluate the City's Tree Protection Ordinance and recommend changes as needed. The City recently hired two Sustainability Coordinators, who are familiarizing themselves with the CAAP, City protocols, and Environmental Commission priorities as aligned with City Council direction. The Tree Protection Ordinance is the second priority in the Environmental Commission workplan and is related to **CAAP Action Item 5.2A: Increase urban tree canopy**.

STATUS UPDATE

Staff presented initial recommendations for updates to the Tree Protection Ordinance to the Environmental Commission Subcommittee on November 2, 2022. The Subcommittee provided feedback to staff. Staff is also seeking information from a Certified Arborist to inform their recommendations for the Ordinance. Staff will continue to update Tree Protection Ordinance recommendations based on feedback and arborist input. Staff will bring updated recommendations to the Subcommittee. Staff will update the Environmental Commission at a later time, once this item is closer to completion.