



MEETING DATE: October 17, 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 a new Sustainability Coordinator in mid-September and another in mid-October, 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.

DISCUSSION

The Sustainability Coordinators are in the process of meeting internally with the Development Services Department staff who are responsible for processing tree removal permits, to gather information on current processes. Staff will bring recommendations to the Environmental Commission Subcommittee in the near future.