

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM**

**PROPOSED MEETING DATE:** June 16, 2021  
**PREPARED BY:** Scott Dunlop, Director  
**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

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**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:**

Consideration, discussion, and possible action on a tree mitigation fee-in-lieu request for 37 caliper inches for the Grace Covenant Christian Center located at 14518 US Hwy 290 E.

*Applicant: Ranger Engineering, PLLC*

*Owner: Grace Covenant Christian Center*

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the removal of three (3) trees that are 18" or larger. There is a 4<sup>th</sup> tree that is 16" caliper inches that is also being removed but did not require P&Z approval. Trees 18" or larger have a 2:1 mitigation ratio and trees 8" – 18" have a 1:1 ratio. The removal of the 4 trees resulted in a 148 caliper inches needing to be placed within the developed portions of the property. Their landscape plan accommodated 111 caliper inches leaving them with 37 unmitigated for caliper inches.

The Parks Department has suggested a fee-lieu of \$175 per caliper inch, \$6,475 total for the 37 caliper inches, to cover the costs of acquiring trees and staff time and resources to plant them. The funds are deposited in a specific tree fund account and used only to provide trees on public property like parks or city facilities. The location of new trees would be determined by the Parks Department and the Public Tree Care Committee.

**LEGAL REVIEW:** Not Applicable  
**FISCAL IMPACT:** No  
**PRESENTATION:** No  
**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes

- Letter of Intent
- Tree Survey
- Landscape Plan

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

It is the City staff's recommendation that the City Council approve a tree mitigation fee-in-lieu request for 37 caliper inches for the Grace Covenant Christian Center located at 14518 US Hwy 290 E in the amount of \$175 per caliper inch.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION:**      **Recommend Approval**      **Disapproval**      **None**

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