



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Monday September 11, 2023

Subject: Proposed Tree Management Code Violations Section – Text Amendment

Category: Discussion

Staff Contact: Steve Wilcox, Development Services Director

Summary This is a draft text amendment proposal for a new Violations section to be added to the Medina Municipal Code Chapter 16.52 -Tree Management Code. This Violations section addresses tree removals which occur on private property or within the public right of way without an issued Medina tree activity permit. Council comments from the July 10, 2023 meeting have been added into this draft as was possible.

This draft proposal meets and supports Council priorities 1, 3, and 5.

Council Priorities:

1. Financial Stability and Accountability
2. Quality Infrastructure
3. Efficient and Effective Government
4. Public Safety and Health
5. Neighborhood Character

The July 10th Council meeting involved scoping the project of creating a new Violations section. Tonight is the first time Council has seen the proposed Violations section text amendment and had opportunity to comment. Council will have another opportunity to review the draft proposal prior to voting on its adoption.

The Washington State Department of Commerce (DOC) requires a 60-day review of this proposed text amendment due to the inclusion in our Tree Management Code. Staff will request an expedited 30-day review period. It is possible that Council will not see a finalized version of the proposed Violations text amendment including DOC approval until the November 13, 2023 meeting.

Recommendation: Discussion and direction.

City Manager Approval:

Proposed Council Motion: “I move to direct the Development Services Director to finalize the draft Violations text amendment and to then return to Council for a vote on adoption.”

Time Estimate: 30 minutes