



MEDINA, WASHINGTON

AGENDA BILL

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Subject: Tree Code Enforcement – Supplemental Trees

Category: Discussion

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Summary

In July, Planning Commission received direction from Council to consider the enforcement piece of the tree code, specifically as it relates to the survival of supplemental tree plantings. Although the code does require supplemental trees to be healthy for at least five years after planting, there is currently no mechanism to follow up on their survival.

Staff was asked to come back with examples of what other jurisdictions are doing when it comes to tree enforcement. Most cities do not have penalties for tree removal beyond the action being tied to general code enforcement procedures. An infraction therefore results in civil penalties and being a gross misdemeanor. Duvall, Redmond, and Issaquah all require bonds to ensure the survival of the trees and for there to be follow up which ensures the supplemental tree's survival. Duvall and Redmond's bonds are released after 5 years and Issaquah after 3. Pierce County requires a notice on title and an example of that document is attached.

Attachment(s) Tree Code Enforcement – Supplemental Trees

Budget/Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: N/A

City Manager Approval: N/A

Proposed Commission Motion: N/A

Time Estimate: 90 minutes