

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City Council

Meeting Date: June 17, 2026

Submitted By:

Staff on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Commission

Agenda Item:

Update and discussion on proposed amendments regarding tree protection standards and requirements during construction activities

Description:

The Planning and Zoning Commission has identified the need for stronger tree protection guidelines during construction activities. Although the current code includes some restrictions, compliance has been inconsistent, prompting the Commission to explore ways to strengthen and better enforce existing standards.

To address this, the Commission formed a subcommittee to review the relevant code provisions governing tree protection during construction. While Chapter 101 of the Rollingwood Code of Ordinances addresses tree protection during construction and falls outside the Commission's direct scope, its close relationship with Chapter 107, which addresses Tree Canopy Management provisions, led the Commission to include it in its review. The subcommittee prepared the attached suggested edits to both chapters for consideration.

Dave Bench moved to approve the proposed amendments to the tree protection standards and requirements during construction activities, as presented in the packet. Jerry Fleming seconded the motion.

Commissioner Michael Hall initiated a discussion regarding the tree protection requirement as it applies to all trees on a lot. He offered the example of a severely sloped lot where a project does not disturb the upper or lower portions of the slope, and questioned whether it is reasonable to require and impose the added cost of protective measures for trees that are entirely outside the area of disturbance.

The motion carried with 3 in favor and 1 against (Hall).

Action Requested:

Discuss the proposed amendments regarding tree protection standards and requirements during construction activities

Fiscal Impacts:

No Fiscal impacts presented at this time.

Attachments:

- Ord 101-256 Tree Protection requirements 5.26
- Ord 107-3 Def of half CRZ 5.26
- Ord 107-376 Development application reqts 5.26
- Sec 107-376 Plan Notes for handout 5.26
- CRZ protection notes with Fines note.

