



Date: October 16, 2020

To: Mayor and Council Members of the City of Rollingwood

From: Jordan Scott, Chair of Planning and Zoning Commission

Subject: Recommendations regarding the Residential Tree Canopy Management Ordinance

The Planning and Zoning Commission met October 7, 2020. On the agenda was an item to discuss and make a recommendation to the City Council regarding proposed amendments to the Residential Tree Canopy Management Ordinance. They held a public hearing, during which, there were no comments received.

Council Member Amy Pattillo presented the suggested amendments as individual items, A-M, and the Commission acted on each of the letter items. Below is a list of recommendations proposed by the Commission for each item. References to page numbers coincide with the document titled, *Residential Tree Canopy for P&Z_draft2*. The letter items can be referenced on pages 3 and 4 of the document. Highlights indicate language added by the Commission and strike outs indicate deletions by the Commission.

A - Accept the language as proposed. These changes are found throughout the document.

B - Accept the language as proposed. Please find proposed language on page 8.

C – City Arborist may reduce or waive fees if removal is necessary after efforts are made to revive and/or through no fault of the property owner. Recommend this language. Reference page 10.

(e) If the city arborist determines that an applicant provides sufficient documentation from a certified arborist that a protected tree is diseased, dead, or poses an imminent or immediate threat to persons or property due to natural causes only, and also not as a result of intentional bleaching, root cutting, or pruning more than 25% of the canopy, and that the certified arborist has documented at least two prior actions performed by the certified arborist within the previous three years to mitigate the condition, the city arborist may **reduce or** waive the replacement tree requirement for the protected tree and **reduce or** waive the tree replacement application fee.

(f) If a protected tree is required to be removed under section 18-209, the city arborist may **reduce or** waive the replacement tree requirement for the protected tree and **may reduce or** waive the tree replacement application fee.

D – Tree removal permit to be displayed in vehicle when home is not under construction. Recommend this language. Please reference page 8.

(1) During removal of protected trees, the tree removal permit shall be displayed on the construction board for the site, if present, or otherwise be displayed on a sign within the first 5 feet of the front yard setback.

If the house is not under construction, the permit for tree removal shall be placed on the dashboard of the permitted vendor's vehicle.

E – Recommend against requirements to notice neighbors. Recommend this language. Please reference page 8.

~~(2) Prior to removal of protected trees, the permit recipient shall provide a copy of the tree removal permit to all adjoining property owners and those directly across an adjacent street.~~

F - Recommend do not address critical root zone at this time. Please reference page 7.

G – Recommend keep current language as it is clear as currently written. No amendments were suggested in the document.

H – Recommend Council remove Cedar Elms from list of protected species after receiving additional feedback from City Arborist (vote of 3-2). Please reference page 5.

I – Add Cherry Laurel to list of acceptable replacement trees. Please reference page 6.

J – Establish that all trees with a diameter of 6 inches to be shown on the tree survey and protection plan. Accept the language as proposed. Please reference page 11.

K – Recommend do not require separation of demolition and tree permit. No amendments were suggested in the document.

L – No recommendation. No amendments were suggested in the document.

M – Recommend city allow flexibility in planting the replacement trees prior to the removal of trees at least as much as 1 year. Please reference page 9.



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