



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
CONFERENCE MEETING

#19-1082

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 5, 2019

TITLE: Landscape and Tree Preservation - Proposed Ordinance Amendment
Concepts Presentation – **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4)**

Over the last few months, the City Commission has expressed a concern related to the loss of old growth specimen trees, particularly in terms of trees approved for removal during site development. Since the last major revision of Section 47-21 - Landscape and Tree Preservation Requirements of the Urban Land Development Regulations (ULDR) in 2015, the Department of Sustainable Development has been noting concerns and developing recommended changes to improve and strengthen that section. In addition, an interdepartmental working group was formed in 2018. The participants had job duties which include interactions with and stewardship of the City's urban forest. The working group has been identifying conflicts internal to the Code of Ordinances and developing language to amend Section 9 and Section 25, clarifying definitions and responsibilities related to trees. This effort to review and to address urban forestry concerns in a comprehensive way should result in a more streamlined and consistent application of our regulations while strengthening tree preservation as a whole.

This presentation will provide the Commission with an introduction to the concepts under consideration for text amendments to Sections 9, 25, and 47 of the Code of Ordinances.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item at this time.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- Infrastructure Focus Area
- Goal 1: Build a sustainable and resilient community
- Objective: Grow and enhance the urban forest

- Public Places Focus Area
- Goal 3: Build a healthy and engaged community
- Objective: Improve water quality and our natural environment
- Objective: Enhance the City's identity through public art, well-maintained green spaces, and streetscapes

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Ready and We Are Here*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Proposed Landscape and Tree Preservation Ordinance Amendment Concepts Presentation

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