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Tree Preservation - Proposed Ordinance Amendment Concepts





INTERNAL COLLABORATION FOR UNIFIED APPROACH

- Sustainable Development
 - Building Services
 - Community Enhancement and Compliance
 - Urban Design and Planning
- Public Works
 - Engineering
 - Sustainability
 - Utilities
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation and Mobility
- City Attorney's Office





CODE SECTIONS PROPOSED TO BE MODIFIED

- Code of Ordinances
 - Section 9-52. Landscaping and tree removal permit fees
 - Section 25-147-150. Trees, Shrubs
- Urban Land Development Regulations
 - Section 47.21. Landscape and Tree Preservation Requirements





PROPOSED CONCEPT - INTENT AND PURPOSE

- Promote, Establish, and Maintain Tree Canopy
- Minimize Tree Removal or Loss
- Maintain Tree Health and Non-hazardous Conditions
- Minimize Maintenance Costs and Damage to Infrastructure
- Establish and Maintain Species Diversity
- Reduce Fertilizer and Pesticide Use
- Preserve Existing Community Character





PROPOSED CONCEPT - DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

- Certified Arborist Report
- Tree Survey
- Critical Root Zone
- Low Impact Design
- Protected Trees
- Increased Equivalent Value of Specimen Trees
- Specimen Tree Qualification Size Reduced
- Tree and Palm Species to Include Large and Desirable





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PROPOSED CONCEPT - TREE PRESERVATION

- Tree Protection Zone - Construction Drawings
- Tree Protection Specifications
- Tree Protection Zones Activities Specified
- Tree Relocation Promotion
- Prohibitions
- Root Activity Allowances





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PROPOSED CONCEPT - TREE PRUNING

- Tree Pruning Specifications
- Tree Pruning Limitations - Growing Season
- Construction Activity - Minimize Impacts
- Tree Pruning Activities - Arborist Present
- Construction Project - Arborist Report
- Construction - Require Arborist Monitoring

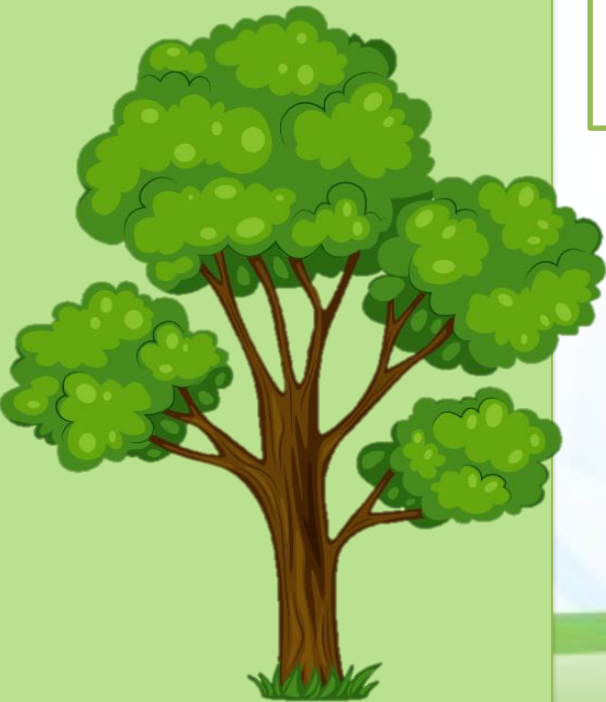




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PROPOSED CONCEPT - TREE REMOVAL

- Vacant Property - No Tree Removal Permit
- Development Approval - Prior to Tree Removal
- Site Design - Required to Accommodate Large and Desirable Trees
- Existing Trees - Protection of Trees to Remain





PROPOSED CONCEPTS - REVISED PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

- Civil Fines Imposed for Non-Permitted Activity with Escalating Fines
Example:
 - 1st Offense within 12-month Period: \$1,000/Tree
 - 2nd Offense within 12-month Period: \$2,000/Tree
 - 3rd Offense and Subsequent Offenses within 12-month period: \$3,000/Tree
- Enhanced Penalties Imposed in Addition to Fines

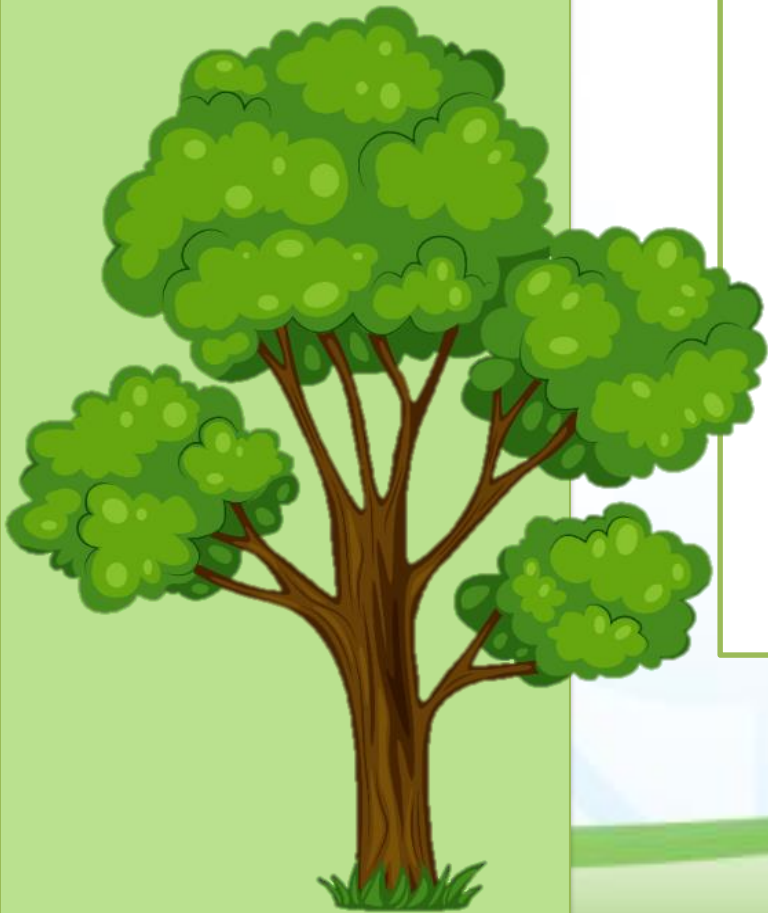




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PROPOSED CONCEPTS - ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Condensed and Simplified Irrigation Requirements
- Limited Fertilizer Application - Seasonal Requirements
- Clarify Percentage of Florida Friendly and Native Plant Requirements
- Clarify Requirements for Single-Family Residential
- Update Chapter 9 and Chapter 25 Language



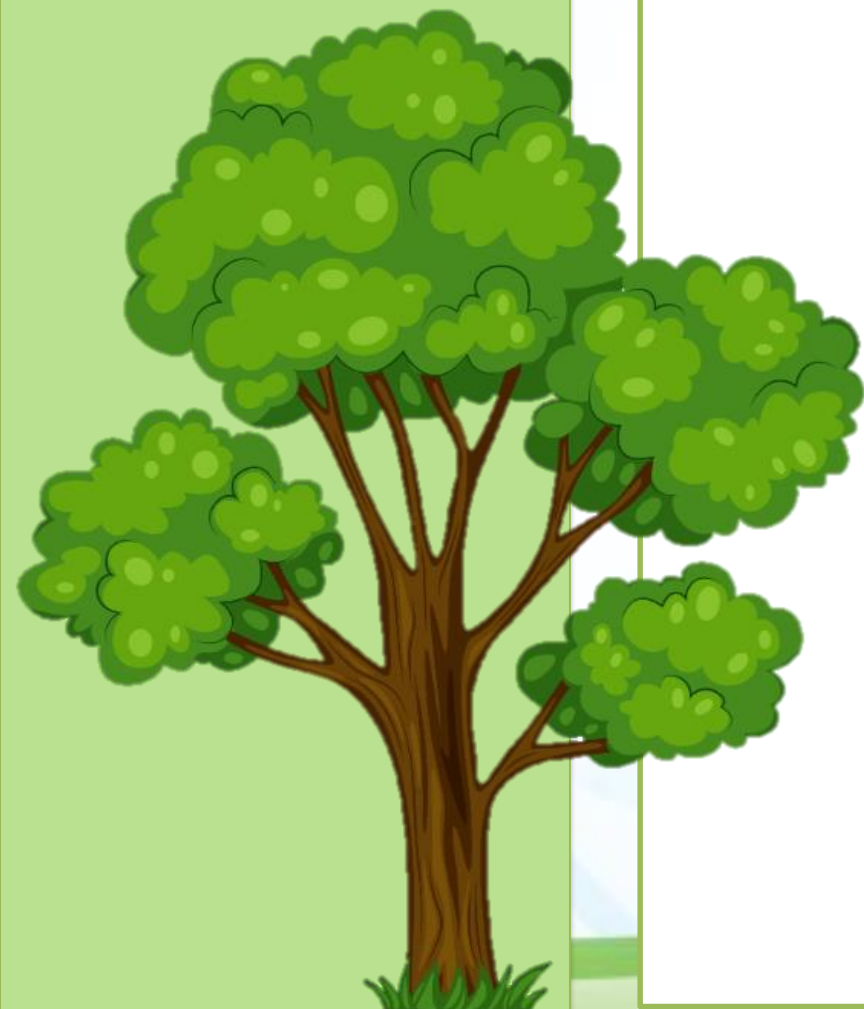


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STATE LEGISLATION

Section 163.045, Florida Statutes (2019)

- Limits local government's ability to regulate the trimming, pruning or removal of trees on residential property deemed to present a danger to persons or property.
- Prevents local governments from requiring the replanting of trees pruned, trimmed, or removed in accordance with this section.
- This section does not apply to the exercise of specifically delegated authority for mangrove protection pursuant to ss. 403.9321-403.9333.

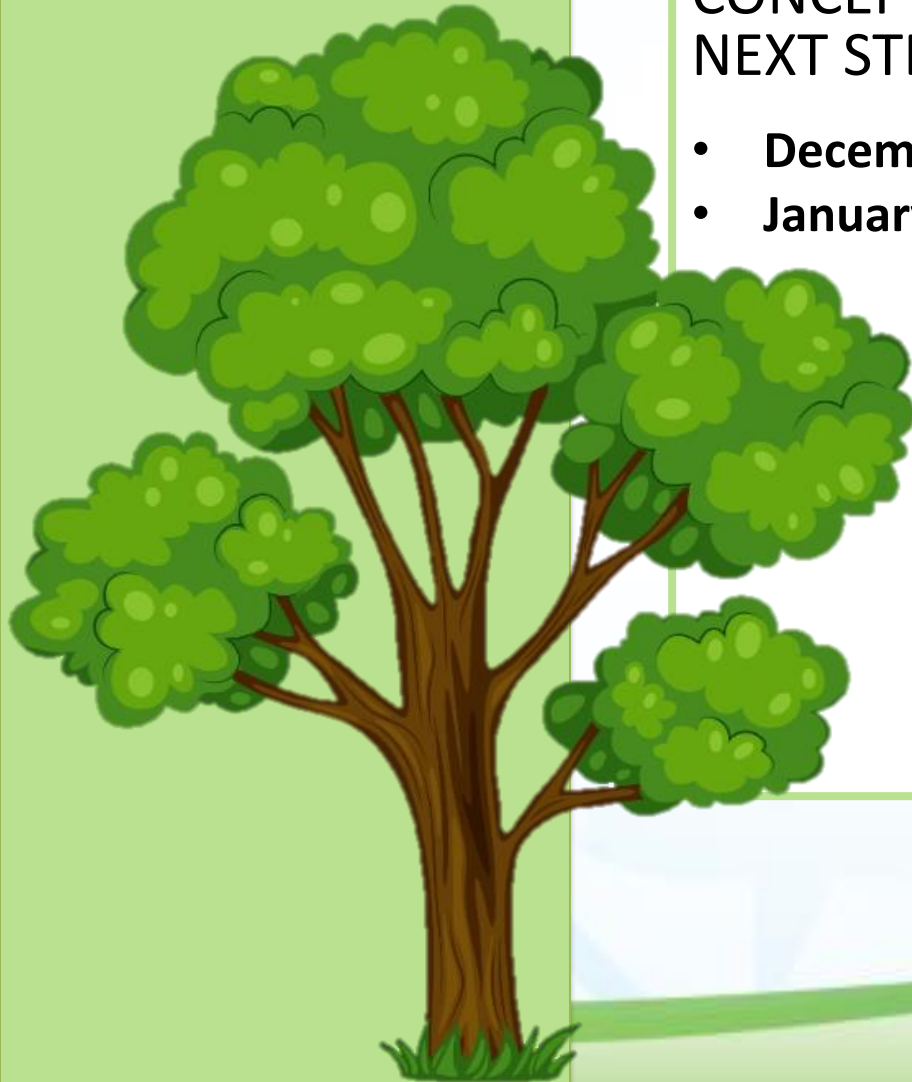




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CONCEPTUAL TIMELINE AND POSSIBLE NEXT STEPS

- **December** - send draft to impacted departments
- **January** - meet with individual departments
 - **February** - prepare and hold Stakeholder Open House, provide update at Commission Conference
 - **March** - finalize draft with City Attorney's Office
 - **April** - present to Planning and Zoning Board
 - **May/June** - present to City Commission, 1st and 2nd Readings





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QUESTIONS?

