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Policy Discussion – Tree Ordinance – 8/8/2018

In order to make recommendations in response to the draft tree ordinances, we must first determine policy that the UFC has yet to decide upon.

ITEM 1:

Should we recommend the use of zone-based canopy cover goals for individual lots, using goal thresholds to dictate tree removal actions?

Detail:

This would be a change from our previously stated recommendation that the same tree removal guidelines and replacement requirements should apply to every property regardless of zone or existing canopy coverage.

The draft tree ordinance, as proposed uses zone-based goals for each lot. If we agree to this item, we will likely make recommendations adjusting the zone-based approach in attempt to protect more trees than would be preserved under the draft proposal as described in item 2, below.

If we voted 'yea' on item 1, consider item 2:

ITEM 2:

Proposed Tree Ordinance

The City's proposed draft ordinance outlines two mechanisms based on resulting canopy cover of the lot.

Following a tree removal, a *Minor Tree Permit* shall be granted allowing removal if the resulting canopy cover at the site is equal to or greater than the canopy coverage goals. No planting required.

If following a removal, the resulting canopy is less than the goal percentage coverage, than a *Major Tree Permit* is required. Outside of development, a tree replacement plan must be approved to maintain the canopy coverage at or above the applicable canopy coverage goal

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through on-site planting. When the tree removal is associated development, the trees may be removed if a tree replacement plan is approved that, at a minimum, brings canopy coverage to the applicable canopy coverage goal through on-site planting for single family land use as provided or through on-site planting, off-site planting or through the fee-in-lieu program for the land use types other than single family.

Proposal for the Draft UFC Recommendations

If removal leads to net tree canopy above the percentage goal, then no replanting on site is required. However, you must mitigate for the loss through off-site planting or paying a fee-in-lieu. This allows for canopy to be added to lots short of the percentage goal.

If removal leads to net tree canopy below the target you must replant on site. If you are unable to plant on site due to development scenarios, then you must plant off-site or pay a fee-in-lieu.