



UNIVERSITY PARK CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

Meeting Date:
1/20/2026

Item Type:
Action Item

Subject: Consider approval of ordinance amending Article 1.10 – Trees, Shrubs, Weeds and Grass in Public Places

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Background:

The Centennial Master Plan has several action items that are related to trees including an action item “to establish a tree ordinance to protect mature, healthy tree” and “maintain maintenance of water and sewer system through continuing existing programs.”

At the February 4, 2025 City Council meeting, City staff provided an update on the tree inventory and tree policies and recommended review by several advisory committees on recommendations for tree policies. The Public Works Advisory Committee, Zoning and Development Advisory Committee and Parks Advisory Committees met in March and April 2025 and provided feedback on these proposed policies. In addition, a meeting was held on April 22, 2025 with the chairs of each of these committees to review the committee feedback and develop refined recommendations. An update on the meeting with the chairs of the advisory committees was provided to the City Council in the April 25, 2025 “Friday Report” as well as during the April 29, 2025 City Council Retreat.

City staff provided information regarding tree policy recommendations at the May 20, 2025 City Council meeting. At this meeting, the City Council indicated they needed additional time to consider these recommendations. A subcommittee of the Parks Advisory Committee met on September 11, 2025 to review these recommendations and provided additional feedback. This feedback was reviewed by the Parks Advisory Committee at their September 25, 2025 meeting. The City Council reviewed recommendations on at the October 21, 2025 City Council and provided direction regarding tree policy recommendations.

Based on City Council direction, City staff decided to focus solely on proposed revisions to Article 1.10 (trees in public places) and worked with the City Attorney on a proposed ordinance to incorporate City Council direction from the October 21, 2025 work session meeting. City staff will consider additional recommendations on Article 3.08 (tree preservation) at a later time, after there is time to evaluate the effectiveness of the Article 1.10 proposed ordinance recommendations.

Fiscal Impact:

- ☒ Not Applicable
- ☐ Budget Amendment Required
- ☐ Proposed Revenue
- ☐ Proposed Expenditure

Master Plan Goal:

Please check the associated Theme and provide the corresponding action item number.



	Theme	Action Item(s)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affirming Sense of Place	1.4 Establish a tree ordinance to protect mature, healthy trees
<input type="checkbox"/>	Assuring Connectivity	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Innovative Governance	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technological Integration	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preparing for the Future	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Applicable	

Recommendation:

Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached ordinance amending Article 1.10

Attachments:

Ordinance Article 1.10 – Trees, Shrubs, Weeds and Grass in Public Places
Tree Manual