CONSENT AGENDA

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

TO:

Mayor and City Council

FROM:

Florencio Peña, Director Development Services

THROUGH: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager

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Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager, File

SUBJECT: Ordinance to bring forward for consideration amendments to the Tree

Preservation ordinance at the March 6, 2003 City Council meeting

DATE:

May 1, 2003

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

City Council approved an amendment to the Tree Preservation ordinance at the March 13, 2003 Council meeting. At that time a fee increase was approved to fund three (3) new staff positions; field inspector, plans examiner I, and a special projects officer. Staff is bringing forward for consideration an amendment to appropriate the funds for the staffing improvements.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

City Council approved an amendment to the Tree Preservation at the March 13, 2003 Council meeting and by a unanimous vote; the ordinance became effective immediately.

POLICY ANALYSIS

This is a Unified Development Code amendment that is consistent with the Master Plan's Neighborhoods Policy 3c. New positions to perform the tasks outlined in the Tree Preservation ordinance must be appropriated with this amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT

Total revenue increase projected by fee increases is \$80,850 in FY 2002-2003 and \$161,000 per year thereafter. Total projected expenditure increase for the staffing improvement is \$76,158 in FY 2002-2003 and \$156,800 per year thereafter. Positions were authorized in Fund 11-000000 (General Fund) under activity 29-02-09 (Development Services) as follows:

Position	Job Class
Plans Examiner I	0577
Special Projects Officer	0865
Tree Preservation/Landscape Inspector	0408

COORDINATION

Coordination has been with the following entities:

City Attorney's Office

Department of Public Works

City Public Service

San Antonio Water Systems

San Antonio Real Estate Council

Citizen's Tree Coalition

Department of Budget

Department of Finance

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS

City Council requested that appropriate staffing be made to implement the amended Tree Preservation Ordinance in an effective manner.

SIGNATURES

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Approved:

Terry M. Brechtel City Manager