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AGENDA ITEM NO.

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TO: Mayor and City Council

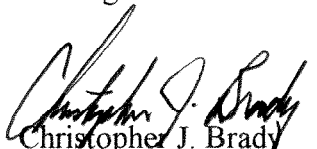
FROM: Christopher J. Brady, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO STAFF PROPOSAL, TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

COPIES: Terry M. Brechtel, City Manager; Erik J. Walsh, Assistant to the City Manager

DATE: May 2, 2003

The attached six-signature amending the Tree Preservation Ordinance was received by staff on May 2, 2003. As requested, this item has been placed on the City Council agenda for May 8, 2003. Staff will provide a review of these amendments for Council prior to the next City Council meeting.


Christopher J. Brady
Assistant City Manager

Approved:


Terry M. Brechtel
City Manager

**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MEMORANDUM**

TO: City Council

FROM: Edward D. Garza, Mayor of the City of San Antonio

COPIES TO: Terry Brechtel, City Manager; File

SUBJECT: Amendments to Staff Proposal, Tree Preservation Ordinance

DATE: May 1, 2003

City Council adopted an amended Tree Preservation Ordinance in March. At that time, we agreed that further revisions would be necessary. Please join me in requesting that these amendments, which address only those issues that were identified as unresolved during our previous meetings, be placed on the City Council Agenda for May 8th, 2003.

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1) Minimum Requirements

35-523 (e) Minimum Tree Preservation Requirements:

35-523 (e) (1), Table 523-2, should read:

Single-family Dwelling

Significant Trees	20% within the entire site, including the street rights of way and easements
Significant Trees under 6" DBH	20% within the entire site, including the street rights of way and easements OR 20% of total count of trees
Heritage Trees	100% (staff may provide a waiver)
100 yr. flood plains	80%, which shall not apply towards preservation requirements on the remainder of the site

Each builder on a single family dwelling lot shall also be required to plant two, 2" caliper new trees which trees shall generally be native, large canopy trees.

Multi-family and Non-residential uses

Significant Trees	25% within the entire site, including the street rights of way and easements
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2) Tree Retention Ratio

35-523 (e) (3) Tree Retention Ratio, shall be removed and subsequent sections renumbered.

3) Root Protection Zone Changes

35-523 (i) and (j), the following changes shall be made:

The root protection zone shall be an area defined by an average radius extending out from the trunk of the tree a distance of one (1) linear foot for each inch DBH in multi-family and non-residential construction, and eight (8) inches for each inch DBH in single-family residential construction; the root protection zone may be shifted and clustered as long as there is no construction within a distance of six (6) inches for each inch of DBH.

For Single-Family Residential Construction, the construction of sidewalks and driveways shall be allowed in the Root Protection Zone. For multi-family and non-residential Construction, the construction of sidewalks shall be allowed in the Root Protection Zone.

For Single-Family Residential Construction, the proposed finish grade within the root protection zone of any tree to be preserved shall not be raised or lowered more than three (3) inches.

A topographical waiver may be obtained.

4) Tree Warranty—language changes to resolve implementation issues regarding the replacement value of trees

5) Landscaping Changes—Understory Preservation and Parking Lot Shading

35-511 Landscaping ordinance

35-511(d)(6) Understory Preservation, the first two paragraphs should be deleted and replaced with the following:

15 additional points can be earned for preservation of existing vegetation adjacent to parking lots or by planting new vegetation utilizing a mixture of canopy trees with understory trees (small species) and large to small shrubs with ground plane perennials. Minimum area 10 feet x 20 feet. Where understory does not exist on a site under canopy trees, new understory plants from Appendix E may be installed to meet the above criteria and obtain the additional elective points.

15 additional points can be earned for the planting of parking lot screening with a mixture of canopy trees with understory trees (small species) and large to small shrubs with ground plane perennials. Minimum width is 10 feet. Where a mixture of canopy trees with understory does not exist on a site, new understory plants and/or canopy trees from Appendix E may be installed to meet the above criteria and obtain the additional elective points.

15 additional points can be earned for the use of a Tree Stand Delineation process where the tree save area includes the preservation of understory along the street front lot line or edge of a parking area (see §§ 35-524 and 35-478 of this Chapter).

35-511(e)(2) Calculation of Shaded Area, should be revised to make it clear that:

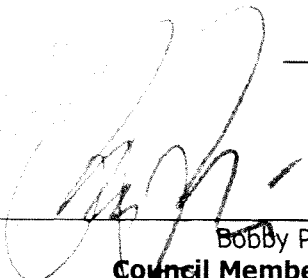
Existing trees preserved on a site within 12 feet of any edge of a parking lot or in an island or peninsula not less than 9 feet by 18 feet shall be calculated at 100% of the shade coverage shown in Appendix E, under "Shade Area."

Newly planted trees planted in an island or peninsula not less than 9 feet by 18 feet shall be calculated at 75% of the shade coverage shown in Appendix E, under "Shade Area."

Newly planted trees planted adjacent to a parking lot within 12 feet of any edge of a parking lot shall be calculated at 50% of the shade coverage shown in Appendix E, under "Shade Area."



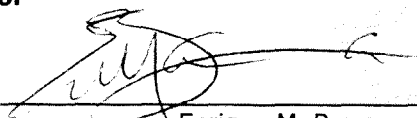
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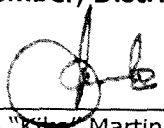
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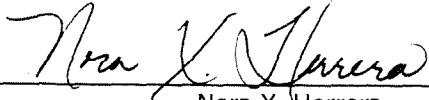
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