



Interoffice Memorandum

**AGENDA ITEM**

November 11, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings  
— AND —  
County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: November 30, 2021 – Work Session Item  
Tree Preservation and Removal Ordinance  
Work Session 2 of 2

On October 26, 2021, staff provided the first of two work sessions relating to a review of the Tree Preservation and Removal Ordinance, located in Chapter 15 as Article VIII, along with related land development codes, to determine the effectiveness of tree protection standards. The work session provided an overview of the County's historical tree preservation regulations relating to the value and benefits of trees, the current state of tree canopy in Orange County, and site development process, including examples of tree survey and mitigation requests.

On November 30, 2021, staff will summarize an assessment of our current regulations, discuss tree preservation and permitting standards of other relevant Florida jurisdictions, identify key community stakeholders, and frame a policy discussion for the Board. Additionally, staff will provide potential immediate actions to enhance tree permit reviews and strengthen site protections for trees. The presentation will conclude with an outline of the process for amending our current ordinance, including community engagement, code drafting, and Board adoption.

This item is for information purposes only, and no action is required.

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