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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Development Services

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DATE: June 23, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding tree preservation and Texas Local Government Code 212.905.

BACKGROUND

In late 2024, City Council prioritized a review of the Tree Preservation Code, and on December 9, 2024, the Development Code Review Committee (DCRC) held a discussion regarding prioritizing future potential Denton Development Code (DDC) amendment topics and similarly provided direction to staff regarding the prioritization of amendments to the DDC related to Tree Code. Staff has been tasked with assessing the current DDC Tree Code standards and presenting amendments to the DDC where appropriate.

The proposed amendments Staff has identified relate to industry best practices, improving clarity, and simplification of implementation of regulations for applicable development. Examples of sections that Staff is proposing to amend for clarifications include Tree Protection Requirements During Construction, Minimum Preservation Requirements, and Tree Replacement.

At the May 12, 2025, DCRC meeting, Staff introduced the current Tree Preservation Code regulations in DDC Subsection 7.7.4 and provided an overview of current standards. The discussion included an array of topics including but not limited to tree removal requirements, mitigation and replacement requirements, and City canopy goals.

At the June 23, 2025, DCRC meeting, Staff will present background on the City of Denton's Tree Code ordinance and how it relates to various provisions in the Texas Local Government Code, including discussions on vesting and state law relating to a city's authority to regulate tree preservation. A portion of the discussion regarding state law will be held in a Closed Session meeting, and discussion of how these topics relate to property takings law will follow at the July 14, 2025, meeting. Following an overview of the topics, Staff will entertain discussion and questions on the presented material.

A draft of Staff's public presentation is provided as Exhibit 2. Please note that the presentation is still being refined, and a finalized version will be shared at the meeting.

EXHIBITS

1. Exhibit 1 – Agenda Information Sheet
2. Exhibit 2 – Draft Presentation

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