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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Development Services

DCM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: April 28, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding proposed Code amendments related to Tree Preservation.

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 April 28, 2025, DCRC meeting, Staff will introduce the current Tree Preservation Code regulations in DDC Subsection 7.7.4 and provide an overview of current standards. Following presentation, Staff will seek feedback from the Committee regarding any additional areas related to Tree Preservation that DCRC would like to explore. A copy of DDC Subsection 7.7.4: *Tree Preservation* is provided as Exhibit 2.

A draft of Staff's presentation is provided as Exhibit 3. 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 DDC 7.7.4
- 3. Exhibit 3 Draft Presentation

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