

CITY OF MITCHELL

City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Request



The deadline for agenda items is Wednesday at noon, prior to the City Council Meeting

Meeting Date Requested: Requested By:

Desired Action of City Council: Authorization Approval Resolution
 Ordinance Citizen Request Discussion

Amount Budgeted in current fiscal year for this item (if applicable):

Agenda Item:

Explanation/Background of Agenda Item Requested:

The purpose of updating our ordinance is to better reflect our current practices within the forestry division and to remove ash tree as an approved tree by the Parks & Recreation Board as stated in ordinance 8-2-1.

Section 1: The board would like to remove any specific species of trees and have the ordinance refer to the boulevard tree list adopted by the Parks & Recreation Board. This only pertains to boulevard trees, not trees located on private property. The ordinance currently states ash tree as an approved tree and the board has determined ash tree to be a non-permitted boulevard tree. This section only pertains to new plantings, not existing trees. Existing trees will remain in the boulevard unless deemed a hazard.

Section 2 (B): The board would like to reflect our current practices and require trees to be trimmed up to 15' in the arterial and collector streets and 12' in the local streets and alleys. This better reflects our current practices within the forestry division.

Section 3: This refers to dangerous tree removal by the owner of any property at their own expense. The board would like to better reflect our current practices by adding the property as subsection (a) and separating the boulevard as subsection (b). The board does not recommend we charge the homeowner the full-rate for dangerous tree removal in the boulevard as we do on the owner's property. The board does feel the maintenance costs should be recouped for dangerous tree removal in the boulevard, but no cost of labor will be reflected in the fee. This ordinance change also allows the board to adjust based on the conditions (e.g. having the option to not charge during an emerald ash borer infestation). Subsection (c) defines a hazard tree.