



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 30, 2018

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 8.52 (CITY TREES AND TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

The City Council previously directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare this Ordinance. Since that time, the Planning and Community Development Department, the Public Works Department, and the Urban Forest Advisory Commission (UFAC) have reviewed and provided further input regarding the proposed provisions. This Ordinance establishes increased penalties for violations and allows the City to recover for the financial losses that result from violations of the Tree Protection Ordinance. If adopted, the Ordinance will strengthen the remedies against offenders and authorizes the City to suspend or revoke any discretionary permit that may be associated with the address at which the offense occurs. This Ordinance also authorizes the City Manager to prepare and update the tree protection guidelines and the tree replacement matrix.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

An increase in the potential penalties for violations of the City's Tree Protection Ordinance must be enacted by an amendment to the Municipal Code. The proposed amendments will enhance penalties for violations of the City Trees and Tree Protection Ordinance.

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PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

Adding these increased penalties should not increase the staff time of the Planning and Community Development staff nor that of the Public Works staff spent on enforcement. The time spent on enforcement by the City Attorney's Office may increase due to more litigation resulting from the expanded remedies.

FISCAL IMPACT


Adoption of the ordinance is likely to increase the amount of revenue recovered from administrative citations and the amount of the potential increase is yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted



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