

## IMPACT STATEMENT

**Legislation title:** Revise ordinance to amend the fee schedules for tree permits (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No.188415)

**Contact name:** Jenn Cairo

**Contact phone:** (503) 823-4405

**Presenter name:** Jenn Cairo

### Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

This ordinance makes corrections to the Title 11, Trees Fee Schedule for the 2017/18 fiscal year. The current FY18 fee schedule, Ordinance #188415 effective July 1, 2017, increased the fee in lieu of planting from \$300 per inch to \$325 per inch. Per City Code, that per inch fee is used to determine the amount of other fees which were not updated in the Fee Schedule document.

The following corrections to the Fee Schedule are proposed:

- **Planting and Establishment, Fee In Lieu (per tree):** Title 11 sets this fee as equivalent to 1.5x the per inch fee referenced above – (11.50.050.D.3.C)

Fee	Current	Proposed Correction
Planting and Establishment, Fee in Lieu (per tree)	\$450	\$487.50

- **Preservation, Fee in Lieu (per tree):** Title 11 sets these fees also using a calculation involving the per inch fee - (11.50.040, see table 50-1)

Fee	Current	Proposed Correction
Preservation, Fee in Lieu (per tree):		
Trees $\geq 12$ and $< 20$ inches diameter	\$1,200.00	\$1,300.00
Trees $\geq 20$ and $< 36$ inches diameter	\$2,400.00	\$2,600.00
Trees $\geq 36$ inches diameter	\$300.00 per inch	\$325.00 per inch

This ordinance also adds a clarifying footnote regarding the Civil Penalty. This footnote has been included in previous Fee Schedules.

### Background:

Title 11 Trees, implemented in January 2015, increased regulatory responsibilities for UF and better-integrated UF into the review of development projects. As part of initial implementation, new tree permit fees and revisions to already-existing fees were created for FY 15-16. These fees were primarily based on projected new permit volumes and the staff time needed to conduct new and existing regulatory tasks.

Title 11 also created the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund which “is to facilitate tree planting, to ensure mitigation or tree replacement when tree preservation or tree density standards are not met on a particular site, and to advance the City’s goals for the urban forest and equitable distribution of tree-related benefits across the City.” The fees corrected in this ordinance are paid into the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund.

**Financial and budgetary impacts:**

There are no impacts to the Urban Forestry budget as a result of this ordinance. Revenue from the fees corrected in this ordinance go to the Tree Planting and Preservation Fund. City Code limits the use of this fund to tree planting and establishment.

Payments into that fund will likely increase as a result of this correction to the Trees Fee Schedule.

**Community impacts and community involvement:**

The proposed fees were presented at the following public forums. No objections to the fee increases were raised at either meeting.

- Development Review Advisory Committee, April 20, 2017
- Urban Forestry Commission, March 18, 2017

**Budgetary Impact Worksheet**


**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES: Please complete the information below.
- NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount

**Attachment A:** Proposed Title 11, Trees Fee Schedule FY 17-18

**Attachment B:** Current Title 11, Trees Fee Schedule FY 17-18 with markup

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Diana Fielitz, PP&R Finance Manager

8/30/2017  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date