



Tree Preservation Ordinance Amendment

Item Type: Update

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Background

- In 2018, Land Development Services received complaints related to removal of trees prior to approval of a grading plan
- Chapter 122 Tree Conservation Ordinance violation
 - Trees removed after plan submission but before plan approval
 - Currently, the only enforcement option in code is to file criminal charges against the property owner
 - An option for civil penalties would provide a less extreme level of enforcement



Amend Chapter 122



- Provide Land Development Services the option of seeking civil penalties, not just criminal violations
 - Mirror provisions of Zoning Ordinance
- Allow citation of registered design professionals in addition to or in lieu of owners
- Editorial changes

Civil Penalties – Same as Zoning Ordinance

- Civil penalty of \$200 for the first violation
- Subsequent violations: \$500 for each separate offense
- Each day constitutes a separate offense

Next Steps and Timing



- February – March – Outreach to industry stakeholders
- April 9, 2019 – Authorization of amendment
- May 8, 2019 – Planning Commission Public Hearing
- June 11, 2019 – Board of Supervisors Public Hearing