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To: Vivek Shandas, Chair, Urban Forestry Commission

Cc: Jenn Cairo, City Forester

From: Rebecca Esau, Director, Bureau of Development Services

Re: Urban Forestry Commission Request for Data

In response to your request of February 14, 2019, and as detailed in my response dated March 18, 2019, BDS has compiled data for the Urban Forestry Commission. This data is from before and after the amendment to Title 11 passed by City Council in March 2016, which went into effect on May 14, 2016 (referred to in this summary as pre-amendment and post-amendment data). As you know, this Title 11 amendment intended to encourage the preservation of larger diameter trees vs. smaller diameter trees, most notably by requiring an inch-per-inch fee in lieu of preservation (where preservation is required) of trees 36-inches or larger in diameter. It also included an exemption from the fee in lieu of preservation for those large diameter trees for certain affordable housing sites.

Some general notes about the data:

- The post-amendment data set is for permits that were applied for between 5/14/16-3/20/19 (2.83 years). To achieve the average/year data, the totals were divided by 2.83.
- The pre-amendment data set is from the *Report on Year One of Implementation of the Citywide Tree Project* dated March 2016, which reflects data from calendar year 2015.
- Both data sets only include permits that reached “Issued” status or later; they do not include permits that were applied for but expired or permits that may still be under review but are not yet issued.
- Unless otherwise noted, both data sets include Residential Permits (RS), Commercial Permits (CO), Site Development Permits (SD-typically mass grading permits), and Development Review Permits (DR-other site-work permits that don’t trigger a building permit or include a lot of grading, such as parking lots or stormwater management facilities).

Select Data: Post-Amendment and Pre-Amendment

	Post-Amendment	Post-Amendment (Average/Year)	Pre-Amendment (2015)
# Issued Permits	18,645	6,588	6,843
# Issued CO and RS Permits	18,460	6,523	6,790
# Issued Permits Exempt by Lot Size (CO and RS Only)	2,893	1,022	1,015
# Issued Permits Exempt by Zone (CO and RS Only)*	1,712	605	484
Fee In Lieu of Preservation Revenue	\$1,308,525	\$462,376	\$200,400

*2,444 permits did not have a zone specified in the post-amendment data

Post-Amendment Data on 36-inch and Larger Trees

Number of 36" and larger trees removed and fee paid in lieu of preservation since 5/14/16:

41

Number of 36" and larger trees preserved since 5/14/16: 441

Number of 36"+ trees utilizing the affordable housing exemption: 8 trees on 3 sites (of 156 affordable housing sites eligible for the exemption). 37", 38", 39", 40", 42", 42", 44", 44".

Additional Data

The data pulled from permits that were applied for between 5/14/16-3/20/19, is attached for your reference. If you have questions about the data fields, please contact Emily Sandy, BDS Bureauwide Projects.

BDS representatives Kimberly Tallant, Land Use Services Division Manager, and Emily Sandy, Bureauwide Projects, will be attending the Urban Forestry Commission's June 20, 2019 meeting to hear the Commission's discussion about this data and will be available to answer questions.