

Tree Project Oversight Advisory Committee: Title 11 Implementation Issues and Workplan

Last updated: July 10, 2015

STATUS	ISSUE DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	SCHEDULE	NOTES
Closed	Does the waiver policy regarding “unreasonable burden” need to be clarified and/or standardized (11.40.060 C 2 pg 41)?	Code fixes/clarifications	April	Committee made recommendation April 2015. History: Original list generated by staff (#7).
Closed	‘Building’ and ‘attached structure’ definitions absent in Title 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should the definition be? 	Code fixes/clarifications	June	Committee recommended definition in June 2015. Slated to be considered by Council as part of RICAP 8. History: Original list generated by staff (#5).
Closed	RICAP 8	Code fixes/clarifications	June	Briefing on schedule and proposed amendments provided to Committee June 2015. No action taken. History: Requested by Committee member in April 2015
Closed	Programmatic permits for City bureaus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it functioning to preserve trees, especially in City Capital Improvement Projects? 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	June	Memo provided to Committee June, 2015. No action taken. History: Requested by Committee members request of March 2015.
Open	Interim Rule: Replanting requirements for tree removal on private property, city-owned and managed sites and public rights-of-way <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1200 cap for non-development • Public works projects • Forester discretion • Tree credits 	Code fixes/clarifications	July: Refine comments	Committee received overview and training in April and May; initial comments discussed in June. History: Interim rule went into effect April 20; requested to be added to work plan by Committee members in April, 2015.
Open	Policy on preserving very large, healthy trees in development situations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,200 fee in lieu of preservation: Is the fee appropriate, given current City policies. • Triggers for exemption requirements • Exemptions 	Code fixes/clarifications	July	History: Request from Commissioner Amanda Fritz in June 2015 to address development proposal where several sequoia trees were proposed for removal; also on original list of issues generated by staff (#3). NOTE: Discussion on this item will be part of Interim Rule.
Open	Non-development mitigation policy for Type B permits, where mitigation can be up to inch-per-inch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should this be evaluated on a case-by-case basis or as a standardized policy? 	Code fixes/clarifications; implementation protocols	August	Interim rule provides clarification; monitoring will provide data; committee to decide on recommendation as part of interim rule.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effect of the \$1200 cap on fee in lieu of planting 			History: Original list generated by staff (#1).
Open	Does the waiver policy regarding sites that already meet tree density standards need to be clarified and/or standardized (11.40.060 C 1 pg 41)?	Code fixes/clarifications; implementation protocols	August	Covered by interim rule and monitoring plan; committee may decide on recommendation as part of interim rule. History: Original list generated by staff (#7).
Open	Public works projects that result in tree removal. Is City following tree code intent? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sidewalks Capital improvement projects Greenstreets Low traffic streets 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	August	Request PBOT and BES staff will provide presentation at August meeting. History: Requested by Committee in April 2015.
Open	CenturyLink pruning/topping near communication lines	Implementation protocols and deliverables	August	Staff to provide briefing on current status. History: Added to issue tracking May 2015 as a result of public comment.
Open	Tree Code Outreach and Education Plan	Resources, staff and budget	August	Committee provided input at April meeting. Next step: Briefing on final plan and implementation. History: Original task of committee in charter
Open (new)	Arborist training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are arborists sufficiently trained on the new tree code? 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	October	History: Commissioner Fritz requested Committee consider issue in June, 2015.
Open	Monitoring and evaluation report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to City Council due early 2016 Investigate where trees are being replaced and add this item to the tracking sheet. 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	September	Overview presentation given in June; briefing on monitoring data in July; committee to provide comments on report format and data in July. History: Requested by Committee in February 2015.
Open (new)	Fencing requirements for tree preservation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is fencing working to preserve trees? 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	October	Staff to provide briefing on rule history. History: Committee member discussion in June 2015.
Open	No opportunity for public appeal for removal of one healthy tree ≥20" DBH	Code fixes/clarifications	October	History: Original list generated by staff (#6).

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Open	Development Impact Areas. Should they be larger?	Code fixes/clarifications	October	History: Requested by Committee members in March 2015.
Open	Do the Type A standards for removal on private property make sense for achieving Tree Project goals?	Code fixes/clarifications	October	History: Original list generated by staff (#4).
Open	Tree regulations in Commercial, Employment and Industrial zones. Consider additional tree regulations in these zones.	Code fixes/clarifications	September	Request BPS staff to give presentation to Committee. History: Requested by Committee members in March and June 2015.
Open	Mixed Use Zones project. Ensure that trees are regulated in the new zone.	Code fixes/clarifications	September	Request BPS staff to give presentation to Committee. History: Requested by Committee members in March 2015.
Open	Building inspectors currently inspect planting requirements rather than Tree Inspectors. Who is best suited to do this task?	Implementation protocols and deliverables	November	History: Original list generated by staff (#2)
Open	Has customer service improved? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How should this be measured (surveys, data, etc.)? 	Resources, staff and budget	November	History: Original list generated by staff (#8)
Open (new)	Buildable land inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the tree code affect available land for infill? 	Code fixes/clarifications; implementation protocols	November	History: Committee member comment in June 2015
Open (new)	Role of Urban Forestry Commission to implement/advise on tree code long-term.	Implementation protocols and deliverables	November	History: Committee member comment in May 2015

Definitions provided in February: Types of Project and Code Issues

1. Code Intent & Purpose

-Why do we have a Tree Code? What are its goals?

2. Implementation Protocols and Deliverables

-What has been put in place (processes/staff) to accomplish the Tree Project objectives?

-What are the adopted or needed policies that standardize decision-making?

3. Code Fixes & Clarification

-Where is the Tree Code silent, unclear, or inconsistent?

4. Resources, Staffing, and Budget

-Are these sufficient to achieve project goals?