

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

Last updated: Sept. 8, 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.
Closed	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	PBOT and BES presented information in August. No action taken. History: Requested by Committee in April 2015.
Open	Interim Administrative 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	<u>Sept: Adopt final memo</u>	Action on final memo in Sept. History: Interim Rule went into effect April 20; requested to be added to work plan by Committee members in April, 2015. Committee received overview and training in April and May; initial comments discussed in June. Committee finalized recommendation in August during special meeting.
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. 	Code fixes/clarifications	<u>Sept: Refine comments</u>	Committee to adopt final recommendation in September.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Triggers for exemption requirements Exemptions 			History: Request from Commissioner Amanda Fritz in June 2015 to address development proposal where several sequoia trees were proposed for removal; discussed at July and August meetings; also on original list of issues generated by staff (#3).
Open	<p>Non-development mitigation policy for Type B permits, where mitigation can be up to inch-per-inch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should this be evaluated on a case-by-case basis or as a standardized policy? Effect of the \$1200 cap on fee in lieu of planting 	Code fixes/clarifications; implementation protocols	<u>September</u>	<p>Interim Rule provides clarification; monitoring will provide data; committee to decide on recommendation as part of interim rule.</p> <p>History: Original list generated by staff (#1).</p>
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	<u>September</u>	Covered by Interim Rule and monitoring plan; will be included in Interim Rule. History: Original list generated by staff (#7).
Open	CenturyLink pruning/topping near communication lines	Implementation protocols and deliverables	<u>September</u>	Staff to provide update 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	<u>September</u>	Committee provided input at April meeting. Next step: Update on final plan and implementation. History: Original task of committee in charter
Open	<p>Arborist training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are arborists sufficiently trained on the new tree code? 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	<u>Proposed: 2016</u>	History: Commissioner Fritz requested Committee consider issue in June, 2015.
Open	<p>Monitoring and evaluation report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report to City Council due early 2016 Investigate where trees are being replaced and include data in report 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	<u>October</u>	<p>Overview presentation given in June; briefing on monitoring data in July; committee to provide comments on report format and data in Oct.</p> <p>History: Requested by Committee in February 2015.</p>
Open	<p>Fencing requirements for tree preservation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is fencing working to preserve trees? 	Implementation protocols and deliverables	<u>Proposed: 2016</u>	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).
Open	Development Impact Areas. Should they be larger?	Code fixes/clarifications	October	History: Requested by Committee members in March 2015.

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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	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	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	<u>Proposed: 2016</u>	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	Buildable land inventory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the tree code affect available land for infill? 	Code fixes/clarifications; implementation protocols	<u>Proposed: 2016</u>	History: Committee member comment in June 2015
Open	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?