



**TREE AND LANDSCAPE
PACKET**

September 25 2024

TREE AND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that the Rockport Tree and Landscape Committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas.

Public participation is valued and citizens wishing to express their views on agenda items can electronically submit a citizen participation form in order to register to speak by going to <https://rockport.seamlessdocs.com/f/BoardsCitizenParticipation> or scanning the QR code to the right. Using the same form, citizens can also provide written comments to the Community Planner by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. The Chair will read the comments and they will be summarized in the minutes of the meeting.



The matters to be discussed and acted upon are as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call meeting to order.

Regular Agenda

2. Discussion, consideration, and action on the September 5, 2024 minutes as presented.
3. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding Arbor Day activities and scheduling.
4. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a request for an expenditure from the Tree Mitigation Fund for the purpose of purchasing trees for the Arbor Day celebration, mulch for the tree planting, fertilizer spikes, and 24 Tanzfrosch 20 gallon Tree Watering Bags.
5. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding an Ordinance amendment to increase the Mitigation fees for Century Class and Heritage Class Oak Trees.
6. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding an Ordinance amendment to include purchase of land to protect and preserve Century Class and Heritage Class oak trees be included in the allowable expenditures of the Tree Mitigation Fund.
7. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding credits for trees located in an easement.
8. Update regarding Tree Mitigation and Preservation Account balance.
9. New Business
 - a. Discussion regarding future Agenda Items.
10. Old Business
11. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 729-2213 ext. 225 or fax (361) 790-5966 or e-mail citysec@cityofrockport.com for further information. Braille is not available.

Certification

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Rockport Service Center, 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas on Friday, September 20, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. and on the City's website at www.cityofrockport.com. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: *The Rockport Pilot* and *Corpus Christi Caller Times*.

Carey Dietrich

Carey Dietrich, Community Planner / Asst Director Building & Planning

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MINUTES

On this the 5th day of September 2024, the Tree and Landscape Committee of the City of Rockport held a Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at Rockport Service Center, 2751 SH 35 Bypass, Rockport, Texas and notice of meeting giving time, date and subject having been posted as described in V.T.C.A., Government Code § 551.041.

Members Present

Shelly Steckler-Chairperson
Laura Denham
Carla Rinche-Belaire
Ginger Easton Smith
Karen Rester

Members Absent

Linda Frank

Staff Members Present

Carey Dietrich, Asst Director Bldg. & Dev, Community Planner, Building Official
Mike Donaho, Director of Public Works & Building Services
Belinda Garcia, Administrative Assistant
Judy Emerson, Code Enforcement
Robert Decker, Building Inspector
David Lowell, Building Inspector
Robert Argetsinger-IT

Guest(s) Present

Two (2): Cristin Wappler with Wandering Oaks HOA
Pam Meyer

Call to Order

1. Chairperson Steckler called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m.

Workshop Agenda

2. Discussion, consideration, and action on the July 16, 2024 minutes as presented.

Member Denham asked for motion to accept minutes with correction to add Karen Rester's name to members present. Member Rester seconded the motion. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

3. Discussion, consideration, and action on review of bids submitted and a request for an expenditure from the Tree Mitigation Fund for the purpose of removing dead wood from the trees at the Wandering Oaks Park.

Cristin Wappler with Wandering Oaks HOA spoke. Pam Meyer Spoke.

Motion: Member Rester made a motion to utilize Mitigation Fund to trim/protect/care for the trees in Wandering Oaks Park and to accept the professional Tree Care bid for \$9,800 from Mitigation Fund. Member Denham seconded the motion.

Three (3) Yays from Members Rester, Denham and Easton Smith. Two (2) abstain from Member Rinche-Belaire and Chairperson Steckler.

4. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding proposed lease of Billboard #232 in place of Billboard #764.

Community Planner Dietrich spoke, Chairperson Steckler spoke

Motion: Member Rinche-Belaire made a motion to approve contract for Billboard #232. Member Denham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a request for an expenditure from the Tree Mitigation Fund in the amount of \$1,695.00 for the purpose of the overage of the original funding approved by City Council for the lease of Billboards.

Community Planner Dietrich spoke, clarifying amount required is \$2,270.00 which requires Council approval.

Motion: Member Denham motioned to approve. Member Rester seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Update regarding the proposed Ordinance revision allowing expenditures of \$2,000 or less to be reviewed and approved by the City Manager and expenditures over \$2,000 to be reviewed and approved by City Council.

Community Planner Dietrich Spoke

7. Update regarding Tree Mitigation and Preservation Account balance.

Community Planner Dietrich Spoke

8. Old Business

- Increase fees for mitigation – suggestion of \$1,000/inch. Salado, etc. – want to see Comparable tree ordinances.
- Trees at Bent Oaks Rookery. Chairperson Steckler gave a report of the condition of the tree at the Rookery

9. Adjournment.

Motion: Member Denham made the motion to adjourn. Member Rester seconded the motion.

There being no further business, Chairperson Steckler adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:51 p.m.

Prepared By:

Patti Dodson, Planning Technician

Approved By:

Shelly Steckler, Chairperson

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: September 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 3

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding Arbor Day activities and scheduling.

SUBMITTED BY: Chairperson /Shelly Steckler

BACKGROUND:

Arbor Day this year will be November 1st-8th or 9th. The Fulton Mansion has volunteered to host the event. Ms. Steckler has put together an Arbor Day Itinerary and Arbor Day Flyer for the Committee's review.

ATTACHMENTS:

Arbor Day Itinerary
Arbor Day Flyer



ROCKPORT ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL 2024

The City Of Rockport in Conjunction with Aransas First Land Trust and Fulton Mansion State Historic Site will be hosting the 2nd Annual Arbor Day Festival 2024.

There will be an Arbor Day Week Proclamation made by The City of Rockport, Town Of Fulton and Aransas County for November 1st -November 9th.

The City of Rockport in conjunction with selected participating public entities will be planting Live Oak trees thought the Live Oak Peninsula. Currently we are working on determining the number of Live Oaks to be planted. We should an amount determined in next few weeks. The Live Oak trees are scheduled to be delivered last week in October. Plantings will be schedule throughout the entire week of November 1-9th.

Please Save the date November 1st and see tentative agenda below for Rockport Arbor Day Kick Off Party Itinerary hosted at the Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.

Friday November 1st: Kickoff Party at The Fulton Mansion State Historic Site- 5:30-8:30

317 S Fulton Beach Rd Rockport, TX 78382

This event will have picnic style locally sponsored food & live music under the canopy of our historic Live Oak trees at Fulton Mansion. We will celebrate the importance of our Native Live Oak trees to our community and deliberate that City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, Aransas County and Navigation District all promote sustainable growth in our community in order to preserve as many of the Live Oak trees, uplands and bay systems that are so vital to our Live Oak Peninsula and are fundamental to our tourism and provide many other benefits instrumental to the residents and our local environment.

This event will feature the planting of 4 Live Oak trees at The Fulton Mansion grounds: one by The City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, Aransas County and Navigation District to signify our collaboration in celebrating, preserving and protecting our Live Oaks.

Approximate timeline for this event is:

5:30-5:45 –Opening Ceremony-Mayor Tim Jaro/Friends of the Fulton Mansion

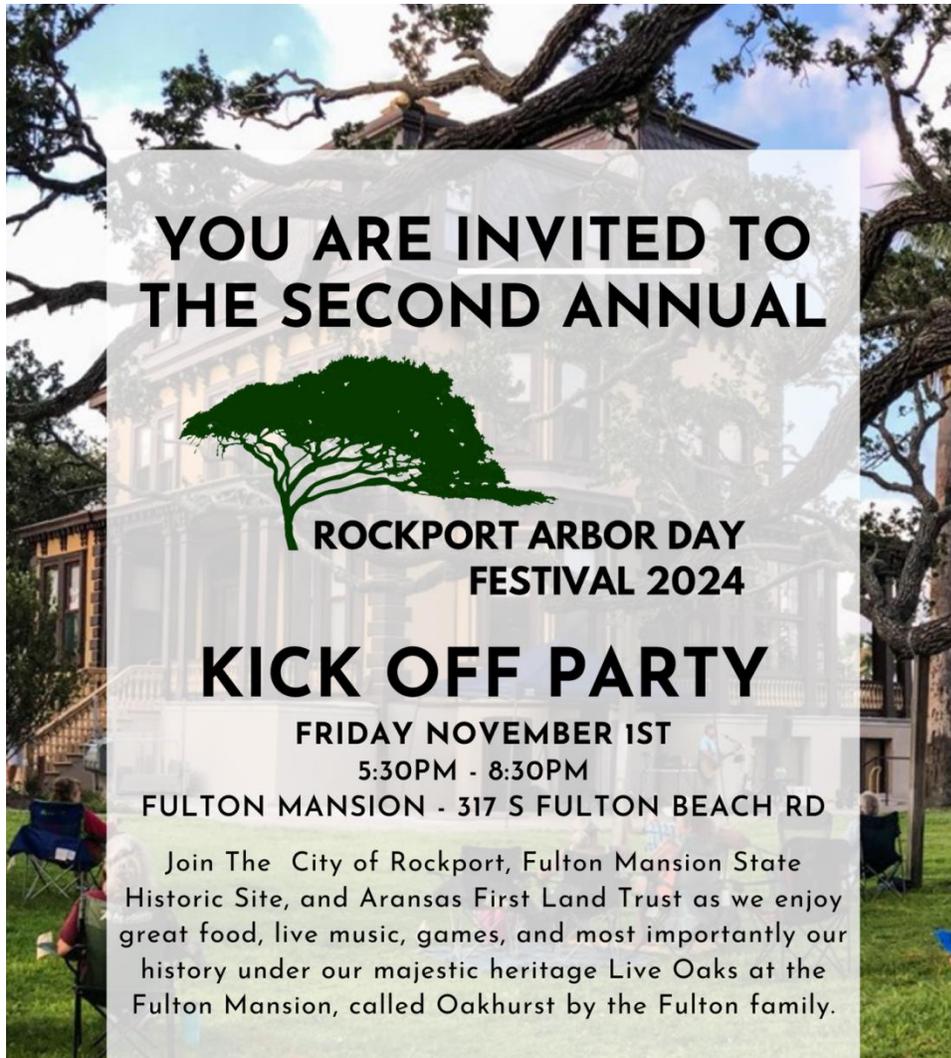
5:45- Speeches about the importance of our trees and their history –City Mananager , AgriLife Department, Aransas First Land Trust, the Aransas County History Center, Friends of the Fulton Mansion

6:30-6:45- Naming of historic Tree on Fulton Mansion grounds: Aransas County History Center – Barbara Judkins Fulton Mansion State Historic Site Manager

-We will be naming our 2nd Historic Live Oak Tree in honor of the last individual who was born at the Fulton Mansion.

6:45-6:50 - Planting of 4 Live Oak Trees-1 by the City (Andrea Hattman) 1 by the County(Pat Rousseau), 1 by the Fulton (Mary Ann Pahmiyer)& 1 by the Navigation District (Long Nguyen)

7-8:30 -Live music, food and corn hole, Kid crafts, free first floor admission to Fulton Mansion.etc.



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**ROCKPORT ARBOR DAY
FESTIVAL 2024**

KICK OFF PARTY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST
5:30PM - 8:30PM
FULTON MANSION - 317 S FULTON BEACH RD

Join The City of Rockport, Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, and Aransas First Land Trust as we enjoy great food, live music, games, and most importantly our history under our majestic heritage Live Oaks at the Fulton Mansion, called Oakhurst by the Fulton family.



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***Tree size and which Nursery to purchase trees from to be determined by tree committee.
Please see attached bids.**

This year to accompany, all trees being planted, we thought we would include:

- watering bag –see attached price for 24 bags Amazon \$295.38
- 2 bags of mulch- see attached price for 68 bags from Lowes \$349.64
- fertilizer stakes-Carey price ??
- plant knight-donated item

The City of Rockport will be planting at the following sites:

6 Oak trees will be planted at the Rockport Railroad Depo on 11/9 (_____ Gallon Live Oak trees & 2 Burr Oak Gallon trees)

-Side walk Planter Downtown (Two trees-one for each planter-Trees will be picked from tree giveaway trees)

Community Partners sites:

-Fulton Mansion (4) Planted by Staff and City/Navigation/County/Fulton-11/1 (_____ Gallon)

-Aransas County Airport-(1) Planted by airport maintenance staff (_____ Gallon)

-History Center –(2-Planted by County (_____ Gallon)

-Connie Hagar-(1)-Planted by County (_____ Gallon)

-Linda Castro (1) Planted by County –In honor of Deborah Capora-Pam will speak (_____ Gallon)

-Chamber of Commerce (1) Planted by Chamber (_____ Gallon)

-Navigation District (2) Planted by their staff (_____ Gallon)

-Chamber of Commerce (1) Planted by the Chamber (_____ Gallon)

Community Member planting trees:

-Ace Hardware-??

-Intrepid Hotels- Jatin Said he will plant trees at one of his hotels

City of Rockport Tree Planting and dedication November 9th at the Rockport Rail Road Depot:Time TBD

Suggested location for 6 trees to Rockport Rail Road Depot Tree-









Recommendations on which tree to plant in planter: Rockport tree give away trees??

City of Rockport Parks Crew Arbor Day to do list:

Tree Delivery - TBD

Staging at Memorial Park with mulch bags

POC for pickup - Joe Riekers

November 1, 2024

Delivery time TBD

Deliver & Pick up 6 Picnic Tables (On standby bleachers, white chairs) on

November 1

Have 3 golden shovels, will be creating one more for a total of 4

Podium

American and Texas Flag with bases

November 9, 2024

Call 811 before we dig

Pre-plant 6 trees at Depot during the week

4 golden shovels

Is podium & speaker needed here?

Irrigation system not good - use water bags

E. Main & S. Austin Planter

Ginger will pick out two trees from the Tree Giveaway to be planted with water bags

McDonalds Trees

2 Bags of mulch per tree will be provided from Tree Committee

Flyer

Share on City Website and Social Media

Will receive digital copy to size

FREE EVENT

2ND ANNUAL ROCKPORT ARBOR DAY IN THE DISTRICT

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH
10AM-3PM

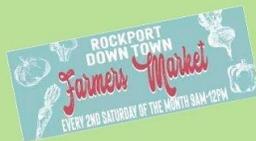
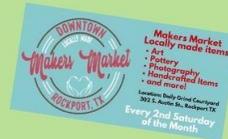


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SECOND SATURDAY

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Arbor Day in the District Participants and Activities-Second Saturday November 9th

City of Rockport and Rockport Rail Road Depot Tree Dedication-Time TBD –6 Trees to be planted

Additional Arbor Day Community Activities that day:

-Moon Over Water Gallery-Tree Art Display on 11/9-

-Art Center –Leaf Rubbing on 11/9 from

-Fulton Mansion-11/9

-Bay Education Center -11/9

This is all I have; I am open to changers and additions and recommendations:

Thank you,

Shelly

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TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 24, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 4

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding a request for an expenditure from the Tree Mitigation Fund for the purpose of purchasing trees for the Arbor Day celebration, mulch for the tree planting, fertilizer spikes, and 24 Tanzfrosch 20 gallon Tree Watering Bags.

SUBMITTED BY: Chair Person Shelly Steckler / Community Planner Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND:

This is a request to approve expenditures for the following:

		<u>Subtotal</u>
1) Water Bags (36)	269.97	
2) Lowes Mulch – 68 2 cu ft bags	349.64	
3) Jobes Slow Release Fertilizer Spikes (160)	151.53	771.14
4) Trees:		
a. NTN – Live Oak 12-30gal / Burr Oaks 4 - 45gal	3,340.00	4,111.14
b. Everde - Live Oak 19 - 30gal	3,618.50	4,389.64
c. TNTF- Live Oak 16-45gal / Mex White Oak 3-45gal	4,465.00	5,236.14



Back to results



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2 Tighten the zipper



3 Zip up the bag



4 Pour water in the injection hole



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Brand	Jobe's Organics
Item Weight	0.6 Pounds
Item Form	Sticks
Coverage	Medium
Liquid Volume	1 Fluid Ounces

About this item

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 1601 FM 2165 (Pearl St)
 Rockport, TX 78382

Salesperson	Ship Via	Ship Zone	Terms	PO	Tax
rka	DELIVERY	ZONE4	COD	City of Rockport	0

Common Name	Container Size	QtyOrd	QtyShip	Unit Price	Extension
Oak, Live <i>approx 185 lb each</i>	30 Gallon	12	12	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
Total 30 Gallon		12	12		\$1,800.00
Oak, Burr <i>approx 300 lb each</i>	45 Gallon	2	2	\$260.00	\$520.00
Oak, Live <i>approx 300 lb each</i>	45 Gallon	2	2	\$260.00	\$520.00
Total 45 Gallon		4	4		\$1,040.00

Notes:
 City of Rockport Quote

Quote SubTotal	\$2,840.00
Discount Amt	\$0.00
Tax Amt	\$0.00
Freight	\$500.00
Customer Credit	\$0.00
Pot Credits	\$0.00
Quote Total	\$3,340.00







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Specs for Trees Average

	15 GAL	30GAL	45GAL	65GAL	95GAL
TREES					
CALIPER	1.25"-2"	2" - 2.5"	2.5" - 3"	3" - 3.5"	3.5" - 4"
HEIGHT	7 - 8'	8 - 10'	10 - 12'	12 - 14'	14' - 16'
WIDTH	2 - 3'	3 - 4'	4 - 5'	5 - 6'	6 - 7'

Estimated Weights & Dimensions

Container Size	Height X Width	Weight of Tree
15 Gallon	16" x 18"	55-75 lbs
30 Gallon	18" x 24"	100-120 lbs
45 Gallon	20" x 30"	160-185 lbs
65 Gallon	21" x 32"	210-260 lbs
100 Gallon	24.5" x 38"	450-500 lbs
200 Gallon	27.5" x 48"	700-800 lbs
670 Gallon	60" x 70"	6,700-7,200 lbs

Trees per Truck Average

Size	40' truck	48' truck	53' reefer
3 GALLON	1600	2000	2200
5 GALLON	1200	1500	1700
15 GALLON	225	300	325
30 GALLON	105	125	125
45 GALLON	46	55	NOT RECOMMENDED
65 GALLON	38	45	NOT RECOMMENDED
95 GALLON	25	30	NOT RECOMMENDED
200 GALLON	12	14-15	N/A
670 GALLON	NOT RECOMMENDED	2 - drop deck trailer ^{cra} in needed to offload	2 ^{DROPDECK FLATBED -} ^{CRAIN NEEDED TO OFFLOAD}





Top Notch Tree Farm LLC

3153 FM 2187
 Sealy, Texas 77474
 (210)736-0146

Chris.Lane@topnotchtreefarmtexas.com

Customer:

[Redacted]

Rockport

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Customer Contact:

Ginger

P.O.:

[Redacted]

Order Date:

9/17/2024

Ship to:

Rockport

On Site Contact:

[Redacted]

On Site Contact Phone:

[Redacted]

Invoice Email:

[Redacted]

Ship Date:

[Redacted]

Shipper:

[Redacted]

	Variety	Size	Count	Price	Total	Notes
1	Live Oak	#45	16	\$235.00	\$3,760.00	
2	Mexican White Oak	#45	3	\$235.00	\$705.00	
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
11						
12						
13						Commercial
14						Delivey
15						\$680
Total Tree Count & Cost			19		\$4,465.00	
Delivery				154 mi	TBD	
Tax		No			\$0.00	
Grand Total					\$4,465.00	

Freight: FOB our farm,3153 FM 2187, Sealy, Texas 77474. Delivery Charge: starting at \$4.00/loaded mile. Minimum order depends on distance. Terms: Net 30 Days with approved credit. Comments: All items are container grown. Quoted prices are good for

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TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: September 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 5

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding an Ordinance amendment to increase the Mitigation fees for Century Class and Heritage Class Oak Trees.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

BACKGROUND:

The Committee requested an amendment to the Tree Ordinance to raise the Mitigation fee for Century Class and Heritage Class Oaks. After reviewing several other cities' ordinances staff has put together an Ordinance revision increasing fees to \$200 per mitigation inch.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Ordinance Revision
- 2) City of Buda Fee Schedule
- 3) City of Coppell Tree Preservation / Sec. 12-34-2-12. Protected tree replacement.
- 4) City of Georgetown – 4. Mitigation by Payment or Off-Site Tree Replacement.
- 5) City of Wimberly - Sec. 9.02.391 Tree preservation

**CHAPTER 106
VEGETATION
ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**

Sec. 106-1. Title. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-2. Purpose and scope. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-3. Applicability. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-4. Definitions. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-5. Tree and landscape committee. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-6. Buffering and screening. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-7. Tree preservation and mitigation account.

The city shall reserve all fee-in-lieu of payments and any accrued interest from the fee-in-lieu of tree mitigation in a separate account from the general funds of the city. This fund shall be known as the tree preservation and mitigation account. The city shall deposit sums collected as cash payments-in-lieu of tree mitigation in the tree preservation and mitigation account. The city shall maintain records detailing the receipts and expenditures for the tree preservation and mitigation account. All funds deposited as credit for fee-in-lieu of tree mitigation may be used to place trees at public parks, schools, or other approved public facilities throughout the city. The tree preservation and mitigation account funds may also be utilized to install irrigation, to repair or remove damaged or destroyed trees, to preserve and protect existing trees, for advertising and educational purposes related to tree preservation and mitigation, and to purchase equipment for the preservation or protection of existing trees.

Expenditures in excess of \$2,000.00 must have City Council approval. Expenditures less than \$2,000.00 must be approved by the City Manager.

(Ord. No. 1349, § 2, 9-5-06, Ord. No. 1880, 8-23-22, Ord. No. 1914, 11-14-2023, Ord. No. 1945, 08-27-2024)

Sec. 106-8. Appeals. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-9. Graphics. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-10. Actions unlawful. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-11. Non compliance and enforcement. – NO CHANGE

Sec. 106-12. Remedies for violation. – NO CHANGE

Secs. 106-13—106-14. Reserved.

Article II. Tree Regulations

Sec. 106-15 - Tree Preservation and Mitigation.

(a) Purpose and Intent. – **NO CHANGE**

(b) Applicability and Exemptions. – **NO CHANGE**

- (c) Tree Preservation. – **NO CHANGE**
- (d) Tree Mitigation. – **NO CHANGE**
- (e) Tree Protection Standards. – **NO CHANGE**

- (f) Obstruction; pruning of trees. – **NO CHANGE**

- (g) Tree Preservation Credits—Nonresidential and Multifamily Developments. – **NO CHANGE**
- (h) Tree Removal Permit. – **NO CHANGE**
- (i) Violations. – **NO CHANGE**
- (j) Waiver. – **NO CHANGE**
- (k) Tree Mitigation Fee-in-lieu.
 - (1) The tree mitigation fee-in-lieu of replanting shall be \$50 per inch of mitigation **for Protected Class trees and \$200.00 per inch of mitigation for Century Class, Heritage Class, and Windswept Oak trees.**

Secs. 106-16—106-29. Reserved.

FY 2024 FEE SCHEDULE

ARTICLE A1.00 GENERAL PROVISIONS

The city hereby adopts the fee schedule below and imposes the fees set forth therein upon the services, activities, events, materials, and supplies that are described therein. These rates shall be collected by the city in accordance with the various city ordinances that more particularly describe each of the fees.

ARTICLE A2.00 ANIMAL CONTROL

(a) Standard licensing fees.

- (1) Dog or cat lifetime registration (one-time fee).
 - (A) If microchipped: \$20.00.
 - (B) Registration + city microchip: \$25.00.
 - (C) Tag (no microchip): \$100.00.
- (2) Replacement tag: \$5.00.

(b) Permits.

- (1) Auction: \$100.00.
- (2) Aviary: \$50.00.
- (3) Circus: \$200.00.
- (4) Grooming shop: \$50.00.
- (5) Guard dog training center: \$200.00.
- (6) Kennel authorized to house:
 - (A) Fewer than 10 dogs or cats: \$50.00.
 - (B) 10 to 49 dogs or cats: \$100.00.
 - (C) 50 or more dogs or cats: \$150.00.
- (7) Obedience training center: \$50.00.
- (8) Performing animal exhibition: \$50.00.
- (9) Pet shop: \$100.00.
- (10) Petting zoo: \$150.00.
- (11) Riding stable: \$100.00.
- (12) Zoological park: \$200.00.

- (3) Major amendment requiring hearings: \$750.00 + \$50.00 per acre + publication fee + personal notice fee for public hearings.

(kk) Irrigation Permits.

- (1) Residential: \$150.00
- (2) Commercial: \$200.00
- (3) VEPO/CSI/Backflow Report Review: \$75.00

(ll) Start work without permit or without Board or Commission Approval: \$750.00 per trade and permit.

(mm) Street closure (Related to construction):

- (1) Short-Term (24 hours or less) Neighborhood/Non-Profit: \$150
- (2) Short-Term (24 hours or less) Commercial and Construction: \$300
- (3) Long-Term (more than 24 hours): \$300 plus \$200 per week or portion thereof/per lane/per block

(nn) Online Permit Fee (MyPermitNow Fee): \$20.00.

(oo) Technology / GIS Fee (Applied to Annexation/ Zoning/ Plats/ SUP/ Site Plan): \$250.00

(pp) Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA).

- (1) TIA Application/Worksheet Review: \$500.00
- (2) Less than 2,000 trips per day: \$3,000
- (3) 2,000–5,000 trips per day: \$5,000
- (4) 5,001–10,000 trips per day: \$7,500
- (5) 10,001–15,000 trips per day: \$10,000
- (6) 15,001+ trips per day: \$15,000
- (7) Traffic impact analysis (TIA) revision: 1/2 current TIA fee.

(qq) Tree Removal Permit (including review, outside of a site development permit).

- (1) Commercial: \$200.00. + mitigation
- (2) Residential: \$150.00. + mitigation

(rr) Tree Mitigation Fees (price per caliper inch mitigation required).

- (1) Protected tree (8" to 20"): \$200.00.
- (2) Signature tree (20" to 30"): \$350.00.
- (3) Heritage tree (30"+): \$500.00.

(ss) Parkland Dedication / Improvement Fee In Lieu:

- (1) Land Dedication Fee In Lieu: Per Residential Unit: \$800.00

DIVISION 2. TREE PRESERVATION REQUIREMENT

Sec. 12-34-2-12. Protected tree replacement.

Removal of any protected tree(s) will require a tree removal permit and replacing or replanting of tree(s) on site or on public land, as designated by the city manager or his designee. Required tree replacement will be determined as follows:

- (A) In as much as it is reasonable and feasible, replanting on the development or construction site will be made to restore the original natural landscape character of the site.
 - 1. Protected trees will be replanted at a replacement ratio of one inch DBH of replacement tree for each one inch DBH of removed tree.
 - 2. Specimen trees will be replanted at a replacement ratio of ten inches DBH of replacement tree for each one inch DBH of removed tree.
 - 3. Historic trees must be preserved and cannot be removed unless "hardship" is applied for and approved by the city council.
 - a. If a hardship is approved, trees shall be replanted at a replacement ratio of ten inches DBH of replacement tree for each one inch DBH of removed tree.
 - 4. Replacement trees must be a minimum of three inches DBH, seven feet in height, and be of the same, or more desirable, protected species.
- (B) To the extent that tree replacement is not feasible, the city manager or his designee shall determine the amount of indemnification to be paid by the developer. Upon determination of indemnification, said payment shall be made to the City of Coppell Reforestation and natural area funds based on amounts indicated which is as follows:
 - 1. For protected trees, reparation will be made in the amount of \$100.00 per one inch DBH for trees less than 12 inches DBH and \$200.00 per one inch DBH for trees 12 inches DBH and greater.
 - 2. For specimen trees, reparation will be made for the appraised value of the removed tree as determined by CLTA (council of landscaping tree appraisers) guidelines.
 - 3. Historic trees must be preserved and cannot be removed unless "hardship" is applied for and approved by the city council.
 - a. If a hardship is approved, reparation will be made for the appraised value of the removed tree as determined by CLTA (council of landscaping tree appraisers) guidelines.
- (C) If any protected and/or replacement tree dies within two years of initial planting or issuance of certificate of occupancy and is brought to the attention of the city manager or his designee, the original permit applicant shall be subject to the same replacement as a protected tree in section 12-34-2-12.
- (D) Money paid in lieu of tree replacement made in compliance with article 34, division 2 shall be considered contributions to the City of Coppell Reforestation and Natural Areas Fund. This fund shall be used for purposes of, but not limited to:
 - 1. Planting of trees in city parks, on public lands, and along public rights-of-way.

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2. Purchasing of wooded, natural areas, particularly floodplain acreage, to preserve these highly-sensitive environmental areas for public protection and passive recreational enjoyment.
 3. Educational projects, such as construction of outdoor learning centers or classroom/group tours led by foresters or park staff.
- (E) Except for one six-month extension approved by the city manager or his designee due only to seasonal limitations that would make planting of trees impractical and require an escrow deposit in an amount equal to 110 percent of the estimated cost of tree planting, no certificate of occupancy will be issued for any building or structure on the development or construction site until all required tree replacement and/or monetary reparation has been made in full.

(Ord. No. 91500-A-203; Ord. No. 91500-A-292, § 1, 5-8-01; Ord. No. 91500-A-676 , § 5, 8-11-15)

Georgetown

1. Mitigation Ratios.

- a. Mitigation shall be provided at a 1:1 inch basis for 40 percent (40%) of the total diameter inches of Protected Trees removed, measured at DBH.
- b. Mitigation shall be provided at a 3:1 inch basis for the total diameter inches of Heritage Trees removed, measured at DBH.
- c. Mitigation shall be provided at a 2:1 inch basis for the total diameter inches of any Protected Tree with a DBH of 26 inches or greater that is not a Heritage Tree species, as defined in Subsection 8.02.020.B.

4. Mitigation by Payment or Off-Site Tree Replacement. When it is determined by the Urban Forester that mitigation for protected or Heritage Tree removal by the planting of trees on site is not feasible or desirable, e.g. planting capacity has been reached on site, an applicant may request to use one of the following alternatives or combination thereof in lieu of replanting on site, with the approval of the Urban Forester.

a. Planting the required number of mitigation trees that would otherwise be required on-site in a City-owned park or property or other publicly owned property (e.g., Georgetown ISD or Williamson County property) within the City or ETJ in the locations approved by the Urban Forester; or

b. Payment of \$225.00 per DBH inches of Heritage Tree removed, \$175.00 per DBH inches of Protected Tree with a DBH of 18 inches or greater removed, or \$125.00 per DBH inches of Protected Tree with a DBH equal to or greater than 12 inches but less than 18 inches removed, into a fund or account to be used by the City for planting, pruning, irrigation, maintenance, and other associated tree activities in a City Park or other City-owned property. The payment(s) shall be made prior to final approval of the project.

DIVISION 11. LANDSCAPING AND TREE PRESERVATION

Sec. 9.02.391 Tree preservation

- (a) A grading and tree survey shall be submitted with the site plan. No clearing or grading permits shall be issued until a tree survey is submitted.
- (b) The tree survey shall include all existing, live, healthy trees with an eight-inch DBH in diameter and larger. The survey shall indicate the size (DBH) and species of tree. Trees observed to be distressed will be indicated with an asterisk on the tree list. Trees shall be represented by circles using the formula of one foot of radius for every one inch of trunk diameter. Unbroken circles indicate trees that are to remain. Dashed circles indicate trees that are to be removed (including trees identified to be distressed).
- (c) Healthy designated trees (as defined by the City of Austin Environmental Criteria Manual, Appendix F) that require removal to accommodate the development shall be replaced at a ratio of 1:1, or cash-in-lieu may be paid to the city, the amount equal to the cost of nursery stock required to replace the caliper amounts lost and the cost of installation on a per-unit basis, not to exceed \$100.00 per caliper inch or \$6,000.00 per acre (prorated for sites of more or less than one acre) for the entire site. Trees identified as distressed shall not be included in tree preservation requirements evaluation. This distress identification must be determined by a certified arborist. No more than 50 percent of designated trees may be replaced by cash-in-lieu.
- (d) Removal of a heritage tree is prohibited unless a certified arborist confirms the following finding that the heritage tree is either: (1) dead; (2) is an imminent hazard to life or property, and the hazard cannot reasonably be mitigated without removing the tree, in whole or in part; or (3) is diseased and restoration to sound condition is not practicable or the disease may be transmitted to other trees and endanger their health. The city administrator shall have the authority to determine whether such documentation is in order and may consider specific utility situations in light of potential hazards to life or property. In the case of an imminent hazard to life or property, documentation may be submitted within 72 hours after the action is taken.
- (e) Removal of a heritage tree is prohibited unless a variance is granted by city council with the following findings that the heritage tree either: (1) prevents reasonable access to the property; (2) prevents a reasonable use of the property.
- (f) Pre- and post-construction fertilization is required for existing trees that will be or have been disturbed by construction activities, including disturbance of the critical root zone. Fertilizers must be phosphate-free.
- (g) The planting, preserving, and maintaining of trees which are contagiously diseased trees, or the storage of cut oak unless first determined by a certified arborist to be devoid of oak wilt or properly treated, shall be deemed a public nuisance and is prohibited.
- (h) During construction, take measures to protect trees, including rigid fencing, shielding, and signage, as necessary. Rigid fencing shall be placed with a radius of at least ten feet from the trunk or at the critical root zone, whichever is greater, unless property lines or other features prohibit a complete radius. Rigid fencing shall consist of chain link or wood fencing not less than four feet high at the drip line of the tree. Stakes shall be no more than six feet apart and at least 1½ deep into the ground. Rigid fencing shall be at least three feet in height.

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- (i) The city administrator or designee shall inspect and approve installed tree protection before issuance of any permit to commence with any construction activity.
 - (j) Tree protection shall remain in place until final landscaping installation as approved by the city administrator or designee.
 - (k) Parking or storing of vehicles, equipment or materials allowed within the critical root zone is prohibited.

(Ordinance 2021-21, adopted 5/6/21)

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: September 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 6

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding an Ordinance amendment to include purchase of land to protect and preserve Century Class and Heritage Class oak trees be included in the allowable expenditures of the Tree Mitigation Fund.

SUBMITTED BY: Chairperson /Shelly Steckler

BACKGROUND:

After planting 63 Live Oak trees for Arbor Day last year, successful survival rate and long term consistent care of these live oaks has not shown to be as advantageous as it would be to just purchase land that native live oak trees are already growing on with little to no care at all. Additionally, we are having to find public areas within the City to plant the trees. We are only on year two of the replacement program and we are already having a hard time finding planting areas for these replacement trees. It only makes sense to be able to use these tree mitigation funds to be able to purchase land where established trees are already growing.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: September 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 7

Discussion, consideration, and action regarding credits for trees located in an easement.

SUBMITTED BY: Chairperson /Shelly Steckler

BACKGROUND:

AEP has their line clearing tree crew in town removing limbs and entire trees within the 10 ft each side of the power utility line and telephone line. This is their easement and they have the right to remove these trees at their discretion without the property owners permission as they deem necessary. Driving around town it is now evident that many new subdivisions and apartments leave the trees within this easement (under the powerlines). As we review the tree survey we cannot determine exactly where the utility lines lay. How can we determine if a developer or builder is counting these trees as mitigation credit on their tree surveys.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

TREE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE AGENDA
Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: 8

Update regarding Tree Mitigation and Preservation Account balance.

SUBMITTED BY: Community Planner / Carey Dietrich

ATTACHMENTS:

Spreadsheet – Paid fees through 9-13-2024

ADDRESS	AMOUNT	PAYMENT	PAID BY	DATE
622 E Market	\$ 13,600.00	CK 0464775	Speedy Stop Food Stores	11/3/2022
802 ENTERPRISE	\$ 5,000.00	CK 8395	RICKS HOMES	2/27/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 1,000.00	MO 22-019041493	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 1,000.00	MO 22-019041494	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 1,000.00	MO 22-019041495	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
1824 YOUNG ST	\$ 375.00	MO 22-019041496	Darcy & Stacy Dorn	3/1/2023
105 PEACHTREE DR	\$ 650.00	CK 297	AARON M PRIDGEON	4/5/2023
802 ENTERPRISE	\$ 15,000.00	CK 1072	RICKS HOMES	4/21/2023
802 ENTERPRISE	\$ 12,750.00	CK 1080	RICKS HOMES	5/22/2023
1812 W MARKET ST	\$ 20,100.00	CK 1001	MICHAEL HUNTER	5/31/2023
SIMMONS TREE FARMS	\$ (12,140.00)	PO# 22-00418	CITY OF ROCKPORT	10/2/2023
1812 W MARKET ST	\$ 1,350.00		MICHAEL HUNTER	8/8/2023
29 WHOOPING CRANE	\$ 900.00	2072	TURF'S UP LAWN MNGT SIYATA STORAGE (NOSSON	10/30/2023
835 W MARKET	\$ 4,800.00		DUBIN	11/17/2023
Balance of FedX/Arbor Day Foundation \$12,000 Grant	\$ 6,554.93	PER FINANCE	FED X / ARBOR DAY FOUNDAITON	
1603 Pirate Dr (Highschool)	\$ 12,725.00	CK # 243720	Teal Const	1/23/2024
2302 Hwy 35 N - Starbucks	\$ 17,200.00	CK# 1503	DLS Realty Corp	3/7/2024
208 Doral	\$ 500.00	CK# 1583	Chad/Gaylynn Diebel	4/17/2024
101 Poquito	\$ 3,400.00	CH# 0600	Christopher Nichols	7/5/2024
C Outdoors Billboard	\$ (300.00)	PO# 23-00497		7/5/2024
Cooper Billboard	\$ (325.00)	PO# 23-00498		7/5/2024
3588 SH 35 Bypass - 7/11 Stores	\$ 38,250.00	Ck# 24703	Rockport Retail Partners. I TD	7/22/2024
Amazon - Tree watering bags & DBH Measuring Tape	\$ (295.38)		City of Rockport	8/20/2024
Cooper Billboard	\$ (325.00)	PO# 23-00498		8/20/2024
C Outdoors Billboard	\$ (300.00)	PO# 23-00497		
Pearl Point Storage	\$ 11,100.00	Ck#673842	Pearl Point Storage LLC	9/4/2024
Cooper Billboard	\$ (325.00)	PO# 23-00498	City of Rockport	9/13/2024
Cooper Billboard	\$ (1,160.00)	PO# 23-00498	City of Rockport	9/13/2024

Total Account Balance **\$ 152,084.55**