City Council Item

September 22, 2025

Item	Heritage Tree Ordinance Discussion	
File No.		**Item No:** A.1
Agenda Section	**5:30 P.M. - WORK SESSION**	
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SUGGESTED ACTION No formal action; discussion only.	
Motion Type	N/A
Strategic Priority	Development & Redevelopment

SUMMARY

At a previous City Council roundtable, the mayor and council members expressed interest in renewing the conversation regarding a heritage tree ordinance. Staff has prepared a potential ordinance establishing what constitutes a "Heritage Tree" and potential regulations associated with such trees.

City Council will be asked to provide feedback on the following:

- A Heritage Tree is typically defined as a tree that measures at least 25" DBH (diameter at breast height) for deciduous trees and 30' height for coniferous trees.
- The draft ordinance includes potential regulations around Heritage Trees that could be applicable for subdivisions, individual properties, or both.

Staff will provide the following during the work session discussion:

- Research from comparable cities and their ordinances relative to heritage trees.
- Options for city code amendments to implement potential added regulations for heritage trees.

Staff has included a draft redline ordinance for consideration. Staff anticipates updates to the draft ordinance based on feedback from the City Council discussion.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION

No formal recommendation; general discussion only.

ATTACHMENTS

Heritage Shade Tree Redlined Ordinance