Board Meeting
Agenda Abstract

Tuesday, October 17, 2023
Location: 134 N. Main Street, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Agenda Item

Town Code Amendment - Part 8 - Offenses - Chapter 6 - Planting and Protection of Trees - Tree City USA - (Newsom)

Item Explanation

The purpose of this agenda item is to consider adopting a Town Code Amendment, Part 8 Offenses, Chapter 6, Planting & Protection of Trees.

Staff Comments

The Tree City USA program encourages urban forestry and the benefits that trees provide, such as improved air quality, reduced energy costs, and enhanced aesthetic and recreational value. It also helps raise awareness about the importance of trees in our communities. The Town of Fuquay-Varina began working towards receiving this designation in 2022. The NC Forest Service, which oversees application for North Carolina municipalities, has recommended that the Town of Fuquay-Varina update it's Tree Ordinance to better align with The Tree City USA requirements. The Town has worked with the Urban & Community Forestry Program Head to develop a Town Ordinance that meets the requirements of the NC Forestry and Tree City USA. The proposed ordinance addresses tree planting and care standards for trees located on Town property and Rights of Way, and outlines unlawful offenses relating to harming trees. This ordinance does not address or modify the Town's tree protection standards as it pertains to development, which may be found in Part 9 Land Development Ordinance Article O Landscaping & Tree Protection Standards.

Fiscal Note

No

Recommendation:

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION TO: Approve a Town code amendment adopting Part 8 Offenses, Chapter 6, Planting & Protection of Trees, as presented and recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

Municipal Tree Policy Ordinance.docx