

Tree Preservation Tree Survey Amendment



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Current Tree Preservation



Current Tree Preservation

- Protection is afforded for all trees 42 inch caliper or greater; 70% of quality trees within the flood plain 6 inches or greater; and the 15 foot perimeter tree zone of quality trees 6 inches or greater.

Current Tree Preservation Exemptions

- No protection is afforded trees less than 42 inches to install utility lines; dedicate public rights-of-way; public or private streets or alleys; fire lanes; parking; sidewalks; driveways; building pads; hike/bike/trails; or achieve cut and fill drainage.

Current Tree Survey



Current Tree Survey Requirement

- A tree survey is required of all trees 6 inch caliper or greater.

Current Tree Survey Reductions

- A reduction of a tree survey currently occurs for any non-disturbance area. No tree survey is required within this area except for the first 15 feet.

Tree Survey Amendment



Ordinance Amendment

- To add a provision that it is not necessary to survey all disturbed areas on the site for 6 inches or greater trees. In areas where the trees are exempt due to development only trees 36 inches or greater are to be surveyed.

Pros



Amendment Pros

- Lower the development cost of projects to the Development Community.
- Reduce the time associated with completion of some tree surveys.



Amendment Cons

- Through the development process (planning process and civil review) if the exempt area changes, the developer may be required to re-survey areas to comply with the ordinance.
- The city of McKinney does not have many sites with trees 36 inches or greater thus creating many sites that would not be surveyed.
- There is the potential of many internal trees not being saved when the site is not being surveyed except for 36 inch caliper trees or greater within the exempt areas. This creates a lack of incentive to save trees.

Amendment



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- Amendments to the *Tree* Preservation ordinance could include the provision as follows: Sec. 146-136.-Tree preservation. (e) Tree preservation permit submittal and review. (1) Submittal requirements. 2. (xii) The caliper size of all trees six inches or greater *with the exception of those areas noted with (f) Standards.* (3) *All other developments. Those areas shall be surveyed for all tree caliper size 36 inches or greater.*