



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE:

November 6, 2019

DEPARTMENT:

Parks & Recreation

DIVISION:

Parks Maintenance

- ☐ Motion
- ☒ Resolution
- ☐ Ordinance - Introduction
- ☐ Ordinance - Adoption
- ☐ Public Hearing

TITLE:

Declare A Public Record: Chapter 137: Trees, Dated October 2019

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:

Declare that certain document entitled Chapter 137: Trees, dated October 2019 a public record and order three copies of the document to remain on file with the City Clerk. (Parks & Recreation/Administration) (Debbie Wendt).

REPORT:

The City of Yuma is repealing and replacing Chapter 137: Trees in the City Code in order to clarify the applicability of the code to municipal, City-owned or City-maintained trees (municipal trees) and add requirements for removal and replacement of municipal trees.

On November 20, 2007, the City adopted Ordinance O2007-69, known as the Tree Ordinance, to establish maintenance standards for trees owned or maintained by the City. On October 17, 2018, the City repealed Chapter 137, Section 2, entitled Community Tree Board, due to the inability to attract new board members necessary for maintaining a quorum and subsequently reassigned the duties of the Community Tree Board to the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission by way of a separate ordinance. A Tree Ordinance is a requirement of the Arbor Day Foundation for communities to receive the Tree City USA designation. The City of Yuma has been designated a Tree City USA since 2008 and aims to continue to meet the requirements to achieve this prestigious recognition in the future.

As part of the ongoing comprehensive effort to develop the Tree & Shade Master Plan, City staff from an interdepartmental team (Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and Community Development) have reviewed and updated the text to clarify the applicability of the ordinance to municipal trees and add requirements for removal and replacement of municipal trees. Municipal trees are those trees owned or maintained by the City of Yuma, including those growing in City rights-of-way, parks, retention basins, and other facilities. The proposed language does not regulate trees on private property, although it does impact municipal trees located in rights-of-way maintained by private residents.

This action requested only declares "Chapter 137: Trees" document a public record. It does not approve any code content or modification. Actual consideration of the changes to the Tree Ordinance and Chapter 137 of the City Code are scheduled to be introduced at the November 20, 2019 City Council Meeting.

FISCAL REQUIREMENTS	CITY FUNDS:	\$0.00	BUDGETED:	\$0.00
	STATE FUNDS:	\$0.00	AVAILABLE TO TRANSFER:	\$0.00
	FEDERAL FUNDS:	\$0.00	IN CONTINGENCY:	\$0.00
	OTHER SOURCES:	\$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00	FUNDING FOR THIS ITEM IS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT / FUND / CIP:	
	TOTAL:	\$0.00		
	FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:			
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	SUPPORTING INFORMATION NOT ATTACHED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM THAT IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK: 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.			
	IF CITY COUNCIL ACTION INCLUDES A CONTRACT, LEASE OR AGREEMENT, WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ROUTING THE DOCUMENT FOR SIGNATURE AFTER CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Department <input type="radio"/> City Clerk's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Document to be recorded <input type="checkbox"/> Document to be codified			
SIGNATURES	CITY ADMINISTRATOR:		DATE:	
	John D. Simonton		10/30/2019	
	REVIEWED BY CITY ATTORNEY:		DATE:	
	Richard W. Files		10/29/2019	
	RECOMMENDED BY (DEPT/DIV HEAD):		DATE:	
Debbie Wendt		10/23/2019		
WRITTEN/SUBMITTED BY:		DATE:		