

Tree Canopy Code Amendments Update & Landmark Tree Ordinance Extension

Study Session & Action

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Meeting Purpose

1. Provide an update on the permanent Tree Canopy Code Amendments.
2. Request Council extension of temporary Landmark Tree Ordinance until the permanent code amendments are adopted.



Agenda

1. Tree Canopy Code Amendments Update
2. Landmark Tree Ordinance





Information Only

Tree Canopy Code Amendments Update



Tree Canopy Code Amendments Progress

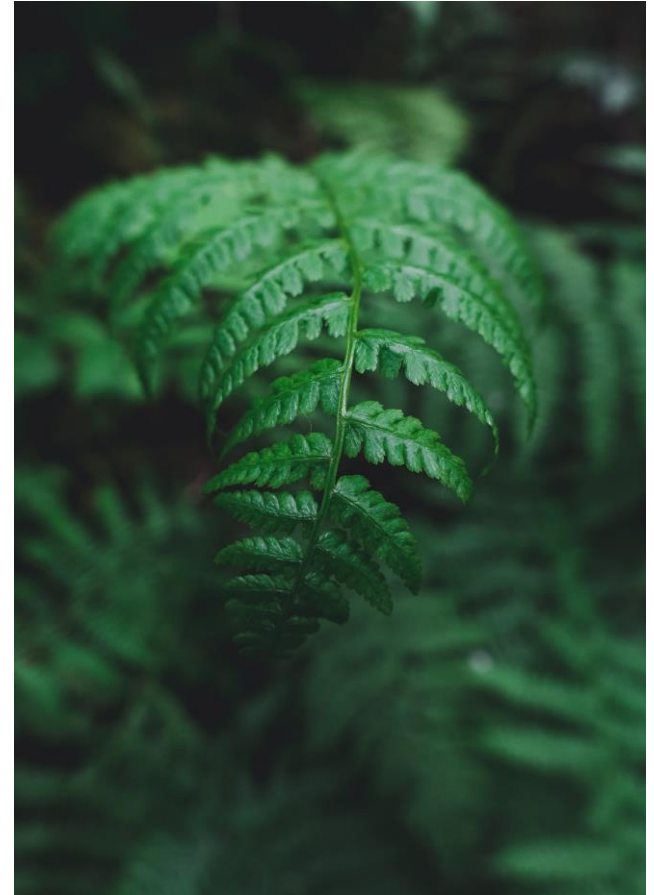
- June 26 Council mid-point check-in and briefing
- July 26 Planning Commission Update Discussion
 - Interest in better **definition for hazardous trees**
 - Interest in promoting **native species**
 - Focus on preventing **tree removal before development**
 - Avoid being **overly restrictive**, caution with significant tree definition
 - Encouraging **more consistency** across neighborhoods
- Phase 2 Progress
 - **Developing draft** code amendments
 - **Technical consultant** providing guidance on scope tasks
 - **Internal** focus groups



Tree Canopy Code Amendments

Definitions

- Update **significant tree** definition
- Add permanent definition for **landmark trees**
- Add definition for **hazardous trees**



Tree Canopy Code Amendments

Tree Removal

- **Permit** to remove any significant tree
- Expand **replacement requirements**
- Evaluate imposing **financial penalties** for violations



Tree Canopy Code Amendments

Tree Retention

- Implement new **minimum tree credit approach**
 - New retention **criteria**
 - **Scale** with development type
 - **Look back** at recent removal
- **Clarify duration** for retained trees
- Codify **key protections** during construction
- Evaluate **inspection** requirements



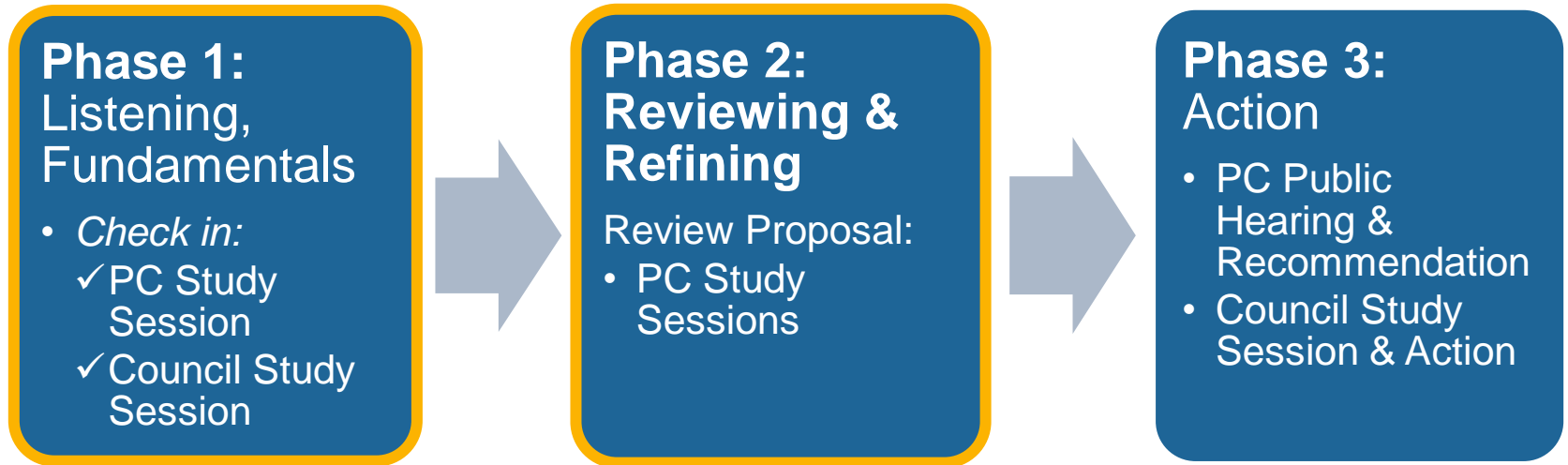
Tree Canopy Code Amendments

How will we implement Landmark Trees?

- Establish **permanent definition**
- Establish **permanent permit requirements**
- Criteria to **encourage retaining** landmark trees with development



Next Steps



Questionnaire

Technical Analysis

Listening Sessions

Public Info Sessions ★ 6/8

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Action

Extend Temporary Landmark Tree Ordinance by adopting Ordinance No. 6767



Landmark Tree Ordinance

- Interim definition:
 - Diameter at breast height of 24” or greater; **and**
 - At least 20 feet tall
- Clearing and grading permit required to remove
- Applicant must provide licensed contractor’s information



Landmark Tree Ordinance

- Existing ordinance will sunset December 31, 2023
- Tree Canopy Code Amendments action anticipated Q2 2024
- New ordinance to extend provisions through 2024 or when replaced by permanent code





Action Needed from Council

Adopt Ordinance No. 6767

