

Interim Landmark Tree Ordinance

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Action Needed from Council

Adopt Ordinance No. 6665



Agenda

1. Council Direction
2. Q&A from Direction
3. Ordinance
4. Next Steps



Council Direction – June 6

- Bring back Landmark Tree Ordinance for adoption
- Clarification requested:
 - Who can remove landmark trees
 - Height threshold
 - Public Information
 - Data to be gathered



Q&A: Who can remove landmark trees?

- Applicant must provide licensed contractor information prior to permit issuance
- Landmark Tree removal must be by a licensed contractor



Q&A: Should there be a height threshold?

- Height thresholds are not typical to tree regulations
- Height is difficult to measure without special equipment
- Diameter at breast height (DBH) may be measured easily and accurately
- Opportunity to incorporate variations for specific species or other considerations in future code update



Q&A: How will public information be provided?

- City webpages
- City newsletters (Neighborhood News), other newsletters and social media
- Internal training with staff working with applicants
- Updated permitting and submittal requirements



Q&A: What data will be gathered?

- Location/neighborhood
- Number and size of trees removed
- Critical areas on site
- Any clearing and grading activity

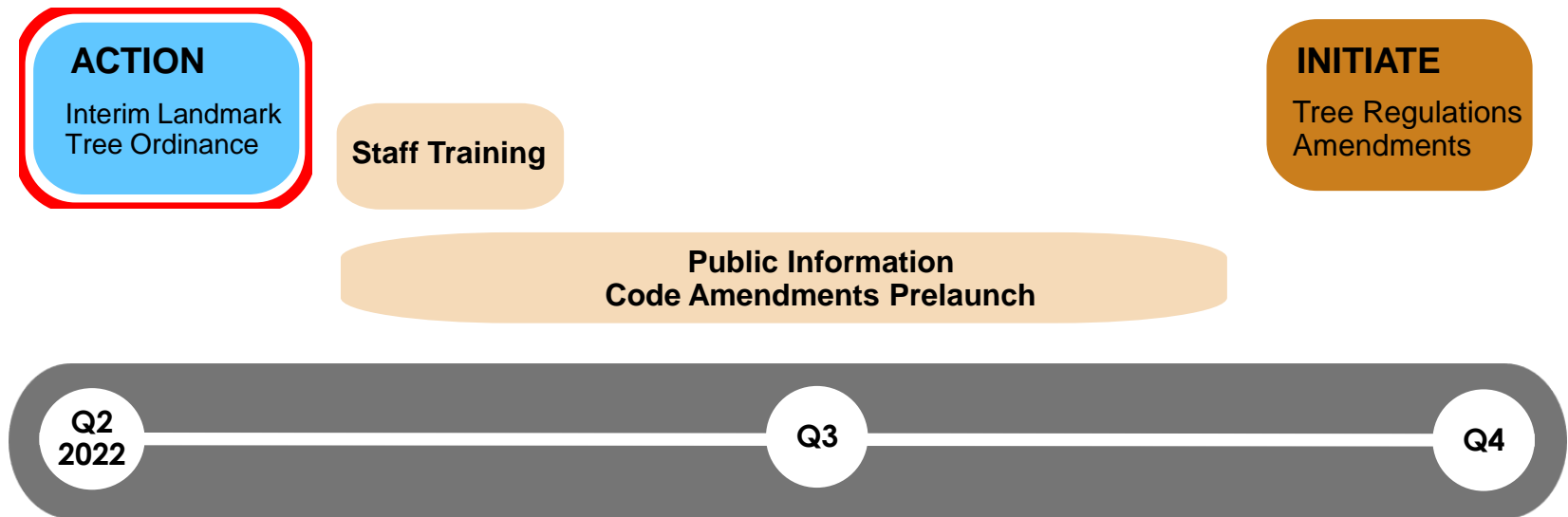


Landmark Tree Ordinance

- Landmark Tree: diameter at breast height of 24" or greater
- Clearing and grading permit required to remove
- To sunset or be replaced with permanent code by December 31, 2023



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