



REPORT to the MAYOR and MEMBERS of the CITY COUNCIL
From the CITY MANAGER

DATE: September 10, 2024

SUBJECT: RE-ADOPTION OF CITY OF LA MESA TREE POLICY
MANUAL

ISSUING DEPARTMENT: Public Works

SUMMARY:

Issues:

Should the City Council re-adopt the 2013 City of La Mesa Tree Policy Manual?

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council re-adopt the 2013 City of La Mesa Tree Policy Manual.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

City's Strategic Goals:

- Promote a high quality of life that current and future generations can afford to call home.
- Invest in infrastructure to serve the needs of the community.

Environmental Review:

Adoption of a policy is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Climate Action Plan Reduction Strategy:

- GI-1 Urban Forest Master Plan – Support natural carbon sequestration opportunities through continued development and maintenance of a healthy, vibrant urban forest.

BACKGROUND:

In November, 1979, the City Council adopted a policy for the removal, replacement and trimming of trees and landscaping within the public right-of-way including private vegetation that encroached into the right-of-way. In November, 1997, the City Council adopted an ordinance establishing a process to develop and maintain a Tree Policy Manual and designated the Development Advisory Board (DAB) as the City Tree Board (Municipal Code Section 24.02.037).

In March, 2021, the City Council amended Section 24.02.037 by dissolving the DAB and delegating to the Public Works Department the DAB function of City Tree Board.

DISCUSSION:

The current edition of the tree policy manual requires updating to reflect the change approved by the City Council in 2021 related to the delegation of the City Tree Board function to the Public Works Department. Staff will make the appropriate edits to the Manual and republish-it on the City's website.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends the City Council re-adopt the 2013 City of La Mesa tree policy manual and direct the Public Works Department to revise it to reflect the 2021 ordinance changes.

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Respectfully submitted by:



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Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. The 2013 City of La Mesa Tree Policy Manual can be accessed at <https://www.cityoflamesa.us/DocumentCenter/View/6614/City-Tree-Policy-Manual?bidId=>