

Sponsor: Councilwoman White
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 74 (“VEGETATION”), ARTICLE III (“TREES”) OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF SMYRNA TO CLARIFY THAT NEW DEVELOPMENTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE TREE REQUIREMENTS FOUND IN ARTICLE III

WHEREAS, the Town of Smyrna is authorized pursuant to Section 4.2.25 of the Town Charter to “provide for and preserve the health, peace, safety, cleanliness, ornament, good order and public welfare of the Town and its inhabitants”;

WHEREAS, planting trees enhances the Town of Smyrna aesthetically and provides a valuable natural resource that provides oxygen, stabilizes soil, cleanses the air and water;

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Town Council, trees should be planted at the time land is being developed, and it is necessary to clarify that new developments must comply with the tree requirements found in Chapter 74, Article III of the Town Code in order to further the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Smyrna, a majority thereof concurring in Council duly met, that Chapter 74 (“Vegetation”), Article III (“Trees”) of the Town Code of the Town of Smyrna be and hereby is amended as follows:

Section 1. Amend Section 74-41 (“Purpose”) by making insertions as shown by underlining and deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

Sec. 74-41. - Purpose.

To establish authority, policies, regulations and standards necessary to ensure that the town will continue to realize the benefits provided by its urban forest. The provisions of this article are enacted to:

- (1) Establish responsibility/authority for the management of the town's urban forest, street trees, and new trees proposed as part of subdivisions and other land development site plans.
- (2) Establish and maintain the maximum amount of tree cover on public property in the town. As defined in section 74-51, spacing of trees.
- (3) Maintain town trees in a healthy and nonhazardous condition through good arboricultural practices.
- (4) Establish and maintain diversity in tree species and age classes to provide a stable and sustainable urban forest.

Section 2. Amend Section 74-60 (“Developments; street renovation projects”) by making insertions as shown by underlining and deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

Sec. 74-60. - Developments; street renovation projects.

