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Comments I oppose changes to the Tree ordinances. Trees provide valuable free services such as gas exchange and air quality, shade, flood prevention by slowing runoff, mental health, soil fertility, prevention of soil erosion. Trees provide habitat and food for wildlife. Trees transpire, in other words they release water vapor into the air and can affect rainfall amounts. We are in a local drought right now. Trees also add to property values by adding curb appeal, beauty and grace for the whole community. Tracks of block homes on a treeless plain is not a good look. Tourists do leave the beaches and drive around and look. There has been a proliferation of rental properties that are managed for ease which add to this barren look for the city. For those who are of a property rights bend there are many horrid things I could , if allowed, do to/on my property. Fortunately laws prevent such a thing. Pinellas County is about quality of life and we need to support its beauty, wildlife and healthy living.

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Comments I strongly oppose the removal of permits for the removal of healthy trees on residential properties. Regulations are in place that permit homeowners to remove diseased trees or those that pose a risk. Additionally, I am against lowering the fees associated with removing healthy trees. We should implement stricter measures to protect healthy trees, as they play a crucial role in reducing our carbon footprint from fossil fuels, which contribute to increasingly severe weather patterns. Pinellas lost thousands of trees in the 2024 hurricanes; rather than removing more, we should focus on planting new ones!

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