

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2026 11:53 AM
To: BCC Agenda Comments
Subject: NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic tree removal

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A

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Comments

Do not allow healthy trees to be removed without a permit or reduce the fees to remove healthy trees. We already have a state law that allows diseased trees and trees that pose a danger to be removed without a permit. Proposed changes would weaken meaningful tree protection standards. Significantly cuts Tree Bank Fund contributions (projected ~60% reduction), undermining the County's ability to replant trees, restore canopy, and invest in underserved neighborhoods most impacted by heat and flooding. Allows payment in lieu of replanting to replace on-site mitigation, which often leads to fewer trees planted where impacts actually occur and weakens ecological and community benefits. Lowers minimum trees-per-lot requirements for residential development, accelerating canopy loss in neighborhoods and increasing urban heat island impacts. Simplifies the tree rating and mitigation methodology in ways that undervalue mature and heritage trees, which provide exponentially greater environmental and public health benefits than newly planted saplings. Shifts critical protections into a new stand-alone Tree Code without strengthening enforcement, creating risk that protections are diluted rather than enhanced. 1.20 Pinellas BOCC Agenda Moves decisions further away from public oversight, limiting opportunities for community input on tree removal that directly affects neighborhood character, safety, and quality of life. 1.20 Pinellas BOCC Agenda Contradicts local climate, sustainability, and resilience goals, as reducing canopy directly worsens heat exposure, stormwater runoff, air quality, and climate vulnerability. Misses an opportunity to strengthen—not weaken—tree protections following increasingly severe hurricanes, flooding, and extreme heat impacting Pinellas County resident

Your Stand on the Issue

Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2026 12:48 PM
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Topic Protect Our Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A

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Comments I'm really against getting rid of the permits needed to cut down healthy trees on residential properties. We've got rules that already allow for the removal of diseased trees or ones that are dangerous. Plus, I don't think we should lower the fees for cutting down healthy trees. We need stricter measures to protect these trees because they're key in helping reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels, which are causing more severe weather. Pinellas lost thousands of trees in the 2024 hurricanes, so instead of cutting more down, we should be focusing on planting new ones! These proposals weaken meaningful tree protection standards by prioritizing administrative efficiency and "flexibility" over long-term environmental health, canopy preservation, and climate resilience. Please Oppose.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Tree Ordinance revisions in Pinellas County!

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A

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Comments I have lived in Florida since 1958, Pinellas County since 1966. I have seen SO many beautiful, mature trees cut down in order to develop land. Trees, especially mature ones, provide shade, cooling and beauty. 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!

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic	Change to cutting down trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Kathleen Allen
Phone	+13216623127
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Comments	Don't make it easier to cut our tree canopy!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic New tree ordinances
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A
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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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Topic Maintain or strengthen tree ordinances

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009a, 25-2014a, 25-2023a

Citizen Name Megan Colby

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Comments As a resident of Pinellas county, I strongly oppose the removal of permits for the removal of healthy trees on residential properties. In my neighborhood alone, several live oaks have been removed as new neighbors moved in, as they wanted beautiful, green lawns that do absolutely nothing for our local wildlife. I understand there are already regulations 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; in fact, we should've doing the exact opposite. We should implement stricter measures to protect healthy trees, as they play a crucial role in keeping our cities cool, ensuring that animals have somewhere to live, and 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! Thank you.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic Healthy Tree Removal

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A

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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!

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic	Tree Removal w/ no Permit
BCC Agenda Date	
Agenda Item Number	
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Comments	
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic Protect Our Trees Protect Our Environment

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2014A

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Comments We are all responsible for keeping our corners of the world healthy. Saving our healthy trees is what being a good steward of the land is all about. Pinellas County is capable and should be willing to keep our environment intact. That means keeping healthy trees and planting trees. Obviously, we have an issue, a deep seated issue of people now wanting to destroy Mother Nature so they can spend all of six weeks of the year at their Florida property. It's not been natives cutting down trees. It's investors, transplants with lots of money and people with ill intentions towards our home. Save our trees. Do the right thing.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25 2009 25 2014 25 2023

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Comments I am concerned about the proposed Tree Ordinance revisions in Pinellas County! There are several agenda items 252009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A related to tree health and removal and Health. I am against removing healthy trees 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! Thank you for protecting pinallas tree canopy

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Tree Permits

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A

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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!

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Trees

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number

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Comments Please keep ALL tree protections in place. Environmental awareness is severely lacking. Please do simple google search on the importance of tree canopies.

Your Stand on the Issue

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Topic Pinellas County Trees
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
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Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic changes to the Tree Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A

Citizen Name Mario Miranda

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Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees cool our neighborhoods, reduce flooding, and protect public health. These proposed changes would reduce replacement requirements, cut Tree Bank funding, and make it easier to remove trees without fully replacing what's lost.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 2009 2014 2023

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Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic	Save Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A
Citizen Name	Jo Jones
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Comments	Trees need to be protected!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic Trees

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Charles Thomas

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Safety Harbor, Fl 34695

Comments Please do not allow more trees to be easily removed in Pinellas county.
As a lifetime resident I have seen the dramatic change that tree loss
causes. To allow more trees to come out would be creating a huge
problem for the future of Pinellas. Please have the FORESIGHT to
recognize this critical issue

Your Stand on the Issue

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Topic	Save our 🌳
BCC Agenda Date	12-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Wade Landry
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Email	wade_landry@icloud.com
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Comments	I oppose any lessening of existing protections for our trees and for lessening any fees for there removal.Our Welfare is directly related to the health stability and flourishing of our biodiversity
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number

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Comments As a Pinellas resident, I oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic Tree Ordinance
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A,25-2014A, 25-2023A
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Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Trees
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A
Citizen Name Charles Reinehr
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Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Tree Ordinance Revisions

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number

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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. Trees add beauty to a neighborhood. Their shade provides cooling and shelter for birds and people, and in some cases, reduce air conditioning costs. Trees also have a positive impact on the air we breathe, and most scientists agree that trees have a positive impact on the negative impact of global warming. Please save the healthy trees!

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Donna Zacharczyk
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Email	jdzach2@tamabay.rr.com
Address	6791 35 Terrace N St Petersburg, Florida 3371
Comments	I oppose the elimination of healthy trees from personal properties. We need as many of these trees to filter the air and give us the oxygen we need and slow the earth warming.
Your Stand on the Issue	Support

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic	Tree protection
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009a, 252014a, 25-2023a
Citizen Name	Beth Connor
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Email	bethyconnor@gmail.com
Address	636 64th Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida 33705
Comments	It is counterproductive to promote the removal of healthy trees by weakening the tree ordinance and lowering fees. The tree annihilation from the 2 hurricanes was horrific. We should be protecting as many healthy trees as possible, not easing their removal. Please vote NO on these proposals in front of you.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic	trees
BCC Agenda Date	
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	burt kline
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Comments	please do not change the tree ordinance
Your Stand on the Issue	

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Topic	Tree Ordinance
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
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Comments	As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
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Topic	Tree ordinance
BCC Agenda Date	
Agenda Item Number	
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Comments	
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic Tree Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A

Citizen Name Gabriele Hiemann

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Saint Petersburg, FL 33705

Comments We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees, not easier and cheaper! Therefore I oppose allowing removal of healthy trees on residential property without a permit! I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. Trees reduce our carbon footprint, provide cooling shade during the heat of summer and provide shelter for birds and other critters including some that are endangered. Waiving permit requirements and reducing/eliminating fees to remove trees is the wrong thing to do and therefore I strongly oppose this! Thank you for your consideration, Gabriele Hiemann

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic Proposed TREE Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number

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Comments I feel strongly about decreasing the fees associated with tree removal in my county and with allowing ANY HEALTHY tree to be removed. We have lost so many already through storms. Additionally millions of birds land at Pinellas after hundreds of miles of flight. Main portions of Pinellas are BIRD SANCTUARIES! PLEASE VOTE AGAINST ANY ORDINANCE WHICH LESSENS THE FINES OR FEES FOR REMOVING HEALTHY 🌳 TREES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO LIMIT THE REMOVAL OF ANY TREE. PLEASE INSTEAD MAKE PLANS TO PLANT MORE TREES WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO CLEAN OUR AIR OF TOXINS, PRODUCE OXYGEN AND COOL OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic	cutting back on trees
BCC Agenda Date	
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Ruth Whitney
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Comments	Please vote no on the legislation that cuts down or harms trees. Please vote to protect and increase trees.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic Protect Pinellas Trees
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
Citizen Name Rainier McCall
Phone
Email
Address

Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Oppose 25-2009A

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A

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Comments I sincerely oppose s a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic	Healthy Tree Removal
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A
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Comments	Removing healthy trees with or rithout a permit is terrible. They reduce the rising tempered in the sweltering summers, create beauty and make our city special. Building a concrete jungle will destroy our beautiful planet.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

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Topic Protect Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A

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Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns. If anything, these should be replaced with trees that are known to withstand hurricane/wind events, like, for example, seagrasses

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic	Protect Pinellas Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A
Citizen Name	Donna Chapin
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Comments	I oppose the removal of healthy trees in Pinellas. We need more trees, not fewer.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

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Topic 25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2320A

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2320A

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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! 25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2320A

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

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Topic Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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Comments As a Pinellas resident, I have a vested interest in the tree coverage in this county and I do personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns. Every tree matters. We need many more trees and, therefore, it is important that every tree be saved if at all possible.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

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Topic	pinellas county trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Janice swartx
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Comments	Keep the tree ordinance as it is!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic pause and reject these changes to Tree Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number • Agenda Item Number: 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A

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Comments As a local resident, I oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. Even more importantly, I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees; as these trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels and other emissions that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	12-20-2025
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A
Citizen Name	Arthur Chestelson
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Comments	We should strengthen our ordinances for trees not weaken them
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic	Tree proposals
BCC Agenda Date	12-20-2025
Agenda Item Number	25-2014A
Citizen Name	Arthur Chestelson
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Comments	PLEASE DO NOT WEAKEN OUR TREE ORDINANCES
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

Nguyen, Julie

From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic Tree ordinance Pinellas county

BCC Agenda Date 1-19-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A

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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!

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic	Tree ordinances
BCC Agenda Date	12-20-2025
Agenda Item Number	25-2023A
Citizen Name	Arthur Chestelson
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Address	7360 17th Way North St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Comments	Now is the time to strength our ordinances. Not make it easier for removal.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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From: Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>
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Topic	Tree Ordinance
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
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Comments	As a Pinellas County resident, I'm opposed to any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. The state already has a preemption that allows homeowners to remove diseased trees or trees that pose a danger. I also oppose reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it tougher to remove healthy trees. We need more trees in Pinellas County, not less.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic	TREES
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
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Comments	Please do not weaken tree ordinances.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose