

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 5:03 PM  
**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	TREE PERMITS
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Mary Petersen
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Address	6028 7th Ave. N. St. Petersburg , Fl 33710
Comments	Full-grown trees are irreplaceable. We have ample provision for diseased trees. Trees eliminate CO2 and keep electric bills down! Do not make it easier or cheaper to remove healthy trees!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic Tree permit

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Tabatha Spence-Hall

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Clearwater, FL 33755

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 more native trees.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Tree Ordinance Changes

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Garry Scheuer

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Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Comments I oppose any change in the current tree ordinances. My neighborhood's value lies in its trees. I have four large oaks on my lot. If the trees become dangerous my Arborist and I can evaluate and fix any issue already. If anything I think the penalty for removing a healthy tree should be tripled, and revenue from the fines should go to planting more trees in my area. I am tired of developers and homeowners clearing lots and building zero lot line two story homes that cook our neighborhoods in the summer by absorbing heat that trees would shade us from. Stop the slaughter- or lose the neighborhood's character, beauty, and practical service trees provide- flood/ erosion control, habitat for the native species, shade/ cooling, and beauty. Spend money on educating these new comers to our towns on the benefits of the trees.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Tree Ordinance revisions

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Joanna Foreman

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Saint Petersburg, Florida 33710

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 Permits & fees for removal of healthy trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Jen Underhill

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Saint Petersburg , FL 33704

Comments After we lost so many trees in the back to back hurricanes in 2024, it's concerning that the county would consider removing the permitting process for the removal of healthy trees on residential property. As a homeowner, I've gone through that permitting process. It was fast, efficient, and reasonable. The regulations we have now work and serve an important purpose (as do our healthy trees!!). Please keep the permitting process and fees in place as they are now. Focus instead on planting more trees! I applaud the county's efforts on Arbor Day to give away trees. Let's build and enhance our tree canopy, not give free rein to people who could chop it all down. PS. Recommended reading - The Lorax.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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**From:** Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>  
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Topic Oppose 25-2014A and 25-2023A

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A

Citizen Name Carol Stuttts

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FL 33705

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 Tree removal

BCC Agenda Date 1-19-2026

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

Citizen Name Marsha Mckenzie

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Comments As a Pinellas county resident I oppose the elimination of healthy trees on residential property. The state already has preemptive measures for removal diseases and dangerous trees. Healthy trees are essential for removal of our Carbo footprint from fossil fuels which are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Tree Ordinance revisions

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Barbara Jolley

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Pinellas Park, FL 33782

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 Ordinance
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A
Citizen Name	Gretchen Oswalt
Phone	+17274156257
Email	gaoswalt@gmail.com
Address	1457 E Lake Woodlands Pkwy Oldsmar, FL 34677

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 Revision  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A  
Citizen Name Tracy Bidinger  
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Clearwater , FL 33755

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. Our county has lost tens of thousands of trees to decades of rampant over development and recent storms. These trees were beneficial to the environment and added to the beauty of the city. Let's protect existing trees and encourage planting of more native species.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Barbara Williams

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Clearwater, FL 33762

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

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Topic Pinellas Trees  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A 25-2014A 25-2023A  
Citizen Name Susan Kopp  
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Email koppzoe@yahoo.com  
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St Petersburg, FL 33704

Comments , 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, and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Jessica Stripling
Phone	+17274184624
Email	jlt06n@gmail.com
Address	4526 61st Lane North Kenneth City, FL 33709
Comments	Sample Statement: 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	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Timothy Stripling
Phone	+17275430666
Email	Captain69@yahoo.com
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Comments	<p>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!</p>
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
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Topic Agenda items 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Ariadna Rico

Phone

Email

Address 545 Lafayette Blvd  
Oldsmar , FL 34677

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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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Pinellas County Tree Ordinance and Tree Protection

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name William "Tex" Carter

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Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Comments The current statutes should not be amended to make it easier to remove healthy trees in Pinellas County. Tree removal of diseased and damaged trees is adequately covered in the current law. I have been heartened by the support we have received from the County Commission and County Administration for preserving and protecting our natural and green habitats. This initiative does not do that. I only learned today of this initiative, and do not want to see it advance at this time. Please continue to support preservation of Pinellas County's natural heritage. Thank you, and sincere regards, Tex Carter and the WK Preservation Group

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	John Angel
Phone	+17277420525
Email	oilman.lorn-4s@icloud.com
Address	3677 Sapphire Lane Palm Harbor, Florida 34684
Comments	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
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Molly Hart
Phone	+19415184696
Email	mollyh0005@gmail.com
Address	2515 17th St N Saint Petersburg, FL 33713

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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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A;25-2014;25-2023A
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Comments

Please share and fill in thisPM! Easy and will help! TREE LOVERS UNITE!  
🌿 Take Action Now! 🌿 Voice your concerns about the proposed Tree Ordinance revisions in Pinellas County! Join us to protect our trees and environment. Share your thoughts on agenda items 25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A by filling out the Pinellas BOCC Comment Card TODAY before tomorrow's 9:30 AM meeting. Let's stand together against the elimination of permits for removing healthy trees and ensure our community remains green and resilient. Your voice matters! Trees make a difference- aesthetically, environmentally and for the value of our homes! 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 be planting more! Sample Statement: 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 be planting more!

Your Stand on the Issue

Oppose



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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	Removal of tree permit requirements.
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Craig Murtha
Phone	+1727 447 2727
Email	craigtoad@gmail.com
Address	918 20th street Southwest. Largo, Florida 33770
Comments	I am opposed to reducing or eliminating the requirement for tree permits on private property. I would much rather see us increasing the requirements and maybe even having a waiting period for healthy trees.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 6:57 PM  
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Topic Opposition to elimination of tree removal permits

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Antonia Gary

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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 - especially native species, which are most beneficial to our pollinators, birds, and other native creatures.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 7:01 PM  
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Topic Tree Protection

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

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Saint Petersburg, FL 33713

### Comments

Pinellas County's most irreplaceable infrastructure isn't concrete or steel — it's our mature trees. It's time to STOP THE CHOP, vote down these proposals and start again. ● Mature trees are instant climate infrastructure — replacing them takes decades. ● They reduce heat, flooding, and air pollution right now. ● Canopy lowers heat-related illness, improves neighborhood resilience, and lowers power bills. ● Trees define the streets people love and remember. ● Shaded places are safer and more walkable. Now is the time to protect our existing canopy — especially large, mature, and legacy trees. We all know fines don't work, allowing clear-cutting of most properties prior to development. This needs to end. As such, I strongly oppose these changes as they take us entirely in the wrong direction. The increasing heat and storms destroy businesses, homes and livability. Trees are our most powerful line of defense against the Heat Island Effect we're all experiencing - and the most cost effective. The question shouldn't be "how can we more easily chop trees down", but rather, "how can we incentivize homeowners, developers and builders to increase the protection of trees by retaining and building around them". As such, I strongly oppose both the language and the direction of your proposed ordinances and expect a real effort to make Pinellas the livable county everyone wants. Please feel free to contact me after you vote NO on these proposals and move forward with sincere tree protection. Sincerely, Catherine Harrelson  
Founder, St Petersburg Urban Forestry Committee Member, Florida Urban Forestry Council Member Pinellas County LPA 2009-2015 Former Policy Chair, Pinellas County Environmental Science Forum

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose



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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 7:01 PM  
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Topic Proposed Tree Ordinance Changes

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Andrea Andersen

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St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Comments

Dear County Commissioners, Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to the Pinellas County tree ordinance. I appreciate the County's efforts to update and clarify the code, and I understand the desire to create a system that is predictable and efficient. However, I am concerned that the proposed changes reduce meaningful protections for healthy trees, especially on residential properties. While the ordinance technically keeps tree removal permits and mitigation requirements in place, it weakens how those protections work in practice. The proposed changes make it easier to remove healthy trees when removal is tied to development, and trees located within approved building footprints may be removed without replacement. This approach encourages designing projects around tree removal rather than preservation and incentivizes larger building footprints over more creative siting that could retain healthy, mature trees. As a result, the system shifts away from preserving trees and toward removing them with mitigation. That shift is concerning because tree replacement is not the same as tree preservation. A newly planted 2-inch caliper tree does not replace what a mature tree provides. Mature trees absorb stormwater, store carbon, cool neighborhoods through shade, and provide important wildlife habitat. When a healthy, mature tree is removed, those benefits are lost immediately. Replacement trees may take 20 to 40 years to provide similar benefits—if they survive long enough to do so. The ordinance assumes that planting new trees offsets the loss of existing ones, but it does not account for time delays, cumulative canopy loss, or the high mortality rate of newly planted urban trees. As a result, long-term environmental and public health impacts are overlooked. These concerns are especially important as Pinellas County

faces increasing heat, heavier rainfall, and climate stress. Mature trees are one of the most effective tools we have to reduce flooding, protect public health, and strengthen neighborhood resilience. Policies that make it easier to remove them underestimate their true value. I respectfully urge the County to reconsider this approach and strengthen preservation-first protections for healthy, mature trees, especially on residential properties. At a minimum, the ordinance should recognize that replacement trees do not provide the same benefits as the trees that are removed. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Andrea Andersen

Your Stand on the Issue

Oppose

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Topic Tree Protection

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Kay Carter

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Comments I oppose loosening the restrictions for removal of non diseased trees from private property (and public property for that matter). Pinellas County is the most dense county in Florida and we need all the healthy trees we can possibly grow to help clean our air and help with reducing our carbon footprint. I understand that with recent storms the County would like to lessen the costs to homeowners and developers but this is NOT the area to do this. I also DO NOT support reducing the fees to remove healthy trees. Trees are vital to the health of our community and our residents. Please vote NO or Oppose these changes.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic Trees

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Elisa Reder

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Comments Trees are invaluable for a myriad of purposes. They of course provide shade, which helps cool our ever warming environment. They provide a habitat for Pinellas county's wildlife, which is already sadly disappearing. They welcome visitors to our unique area. Locals & visitors rightly expect & NEED Pinellas' variety of native trees!

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Topic Protect Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Renee Hansen

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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 tree removal

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Pat Fling

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St Petersburg, FL 33710

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Tree Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Mary Ann McConahy

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Largo, FL 33773

Comments I strongly oppose the removal of permits for removal of healthy trees on residential property, also against lowering fees for removal of healthy trees..we are paving over Pinellas County. & so many neighborhood trees have been destroyed by storms & insurance companies making homeowners removing them. Stand tall like our beautiful trees & keep them thriving by opposing this ordinance...& planting more trees not making it easier to remove them

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009a
Citizen Name	Tina Harris
Phone	+17272406276
Email	harristina550@gmail.com
Address	7801 34th Ave N St. Petersburg , Fl 33710
Comments	Stop cutting down healthy trees!!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**From:** Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>  
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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Tree Conservation Policies

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Laurie Macdonald

Phone +17275809585

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St Petersburg, FL 33705

Comments Trees are a fundamental and necessary part of the life and the beauty of our neighborhoods, towns, open and public spaces. I oppose measures that diminish rather than support the conservation of trees and thus I ask you to vote against 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A. Please vote down measures that make healthy trees more vulnerable to removal and make costs to remove trees so minimal compared to the financial and health benefits we receive. The oxygen we breathe, the home for wildlife, the shade from the sun, the appreciation for their beauty, are a few of the benefits along with their environmental economic services, must be supported not lost to our communities.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Tree Ordinance Revisions  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-26  
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A  
Citizen Name Erin Ross  
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Email erinmimi@gmail.com  
Address 2011 Serpentine Cir S  
St Petersburg, FL 33712

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect our trees in Pinellas County!

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Catherine Perez

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Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally and vehemently 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. They also provide much-needed shade and shelter in one of Florida's most population-dense counties where we are already extremely short on green space and tree canopy. Please do not make such a short-sighted decision.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose



## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect the trees in Pinellas County

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Leslie Edwards

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Comments I strongly oppose this agenda. Trees in residential areas and in areas being developed need strong protections. I have lived in Pinellas County since 1974, and have witnessed firsthand the urbanization of this beautiful area. I have seen neighbors remove healthy beautiful trees for their aesthetic of monoculture grass. There is no oversight already and so called tree maintenance businesses will just do whatever they want with no regard to existing laws. Removal of trees causes heat from no shade and more electricity is used and AC generators make more heat, so even people who have shade trees are using more electricity! It's a bad circle. For decades, new developments just bulldoze the entire area and take away mature trees, planting small trees after adding asphalt. PCDEP doesn't protect trees like other counties- I am a retired environmental consultant who dealt with this firsthand for years. 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

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic Tree Ordinance  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A  
Citizen Name Jean Smolen  
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Email jms.js519@gmail.com  
Address 1805 Mariner drive apt 56  
Tarpon Springs , FL 34689

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic	Permits to remove healthy trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Barbara Noordsij
Phone	+18025222018
Email	8598calais@gmail.com
Address	6113 12th Ave S Gulfport , FL 33707
Comments	Protect our tree canopy, especially now given what's happening in the environment
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**From:** Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>  
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**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	Public Comment
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A
Citizen Name	Mercedes Gessler
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Address	3582 Ridge Blvd Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Comments	<p>As a Pinellas County resident, I strongly urge the Council to maintain strict protections for healthy trees on residential property. Florida law already provides homeowners with the ability to remove trees that are diseased or pose a legitimate safety risk, so there is no need to weaken local safeguards further. Reducing or eliminating permit requirements or fees for removing healthy trees would undermine the long-term environmental, economic, and public-health benefits these trees provide to our community. Mature trees reduce urban heat, improve air quality, manage stormwater, and help offset carbon emissions that contribute to increasingly extreme weather events. Healthy trees are a shared community asset, not just a private convenience. Strengthening—rather than loosening—tree protection policies demonstrates responsible leadership and a commitment to sustainability, resilience, and quality of life for current residents and future generations. I respectfully ask the Council to keep strong tree-cutting laws in place and to make the removal of healthy trees more difficult, not easier.</p>
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
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**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Public Comment Regarding Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2014A

Citizen Name Mercedes Gessler

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Email sartain.mercedes@gmail.com

Address 3582 Ridge Blvd  
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Comments

As a Pinellas County resident, I strongly urge the Council to maintain strict protections for healthy trees on residential property. Florida law already provides homeowners with the ability to remove trees that are diseased or pose a legitimate safety risk, so there is no need to weaken local safeguards further. Reducing or eliminating permit requirements or fees for removing healthy trees would undermine the long-term environmental, economic, and public-health benefits these trees provide to our community. Mature trees reduce urban heat, improve air quality, manage stormwater, and help offset carbon emissions that contribute to increasingly extreme weather events. Healthy trees are a shared community asset, not just a private convenience. Strengthening—rather than loosening—tree protection policies demonstrates responsible leadership and a commitment to sustainability, resilience, and quality of life for current residents and future generations. I respectfully ask the Council to keep strong tree-cutting laws in place and to make the removal of healthy trees more difficult, not easier.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Public Comment to Protect Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2023A

Citizen Name Mercedes Gessler

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Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Comments

As a Pinellas County resident, I strongly urge the Council to maintain strict protections for healthy trees on residential property. Florida law already provides homeowners with the ability to remove trees that are diseased or pose a legitimate safety risk, so there is no need to weaken local safeguards further. Reducing or eliminating permit requirements or fees for removing healthy trees would undermine the long-term environmental, economic, and public-health benefits these trees provide to our community. Mature trees reduce urban heat, improve air quality, manage stormwater, and help offset carbon emissions that contribute to increasingly extreme weather events. Healthy trees are a shared community asset, not just a private convenience. Strengthening—rather than loosening—tree protection policies demonstrates responsible leadership and a commitment to sustainability, resilience, and quality of life for current residents and future generations. I respectfully ask the Council to keep strong tree-cutting laws in place and to make the removal of healthy trees more difficult, not easier.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Tree ordinance revision

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Joan Morgan Joan Morgan

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401, fl 33772

Comments I strongly oppose any revision that REMOVES restrictions or DECREASES fees for the removal of trees. In fact, I strongly believe that we need to INCREASE regulation and greatly INCREASE fees. As an intelligent species who can understand the connection between tree cover and heat, human induced climate change and hurricane strength/frequency ,and plant impact on soil drainage our rules need to reflect that knowledge and provide a better place to live for all residents by PRESERVING our current tree coverage and INCREASING tree coverage with native species.

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 and 25-2014A and 25-2023A

Citizen Name Joann Palladino

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Saint Petersburg, FL 33703-3949

Comments

I am a Native Floridian who was born and raised in Pinellas County. The idea that the Pinellas County Commissioners would ever consider weakening tree protections is not in the best interest of the residents of Pinellas County. The two hurricanes that struck Pinellas County in 2024 were a once-in-a-lifetime weather disaster for the area. If anything, we need more trees than ever before. WE MUST REPLACE THE TREES THAT WERE LOST AND ABSOLUTELY NOT CUT THE TREE BANK FUNDING. 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. I feel that you should look at the long-term plan of replacing our lost trees and not giving in to a short-sighted plan that overlooks the quality of life for our birds, squirrels, and other wildlife that need trees to live in. In St. Petersburg, Duke Energy has massacred our old trees in an effort to protect power lines. Throughout my childhood, I do not recall ever seeing our trees hollowed out in a V shape as they are now. This weakens the integrity of the trees and is an eyesore to the beauty of nature. You are all responsible for the stewardship of our trees and our environment. If you want to do something constructive, have Duke Energy replace all of the short power poles with taller concrete poles and stop butchering our old, beautiful trees that line the many 100+ year old neighborhoods in St. Pete. Let the hollowed-out old trees fill back in, as I remember them being for most of my life. THINK LONG-TERM. STOP DESTROYING OUR HERITAGE AND LEGACY OF OLD FLORIDA.



Your Stand on the Issue

Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic	Save our trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-19-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Tammy Lancaster
Phone	+16024008213
Email	tnj1989@hotmail.com
Address	1109 Idlebriar Way, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 1109 Idlebriar Way, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689, 1109 Idlebriar Way, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 1109 Idlebriar Way, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
Comments	We need to stop developing this area and destroying our wildlife and trees
Your Stand on the Issue	

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic	Tree protection
BCC Agenda Date	1-19-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	LISA MULRANE
Phone	+1+17274589305
Email	lisamulrane@yahoo.com
Address	1385 Amberlea Dr S Dunedin , FL 34698
Comments	Please do not weaken tree protection in Pinellas County.
Your Stand on the Issue	Undecided

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Mary Bowers

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St. Petersburg , FL 33710

Comments I am vehemently opposed to removing any permit to remove healthy trees, any reduction in fines to remove healthy trees on residential properties. My block has lost healthy 4 grand pine trees in the last few months. They all made it thru the storms just fine! One was removed for a neighbor to build a pool. The other 3 were the only trees on the property. In the 25 years I've live here I've seen 5 home on my block remove all the trees on their property or all from their backyard. The last 10 years I've also experienced flooding, not during hurricanes, that flooded my property to the foundation of my home numerous times. The last was 2 weeks before 2024's hurricanes. It flooded both our cars in the drive. We're hotter now, we have flooding now, we have more unhealthy air quality days too. Please help stop the reduction of healthy trees, and work towards planting more trees

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic	Tree Permit Removal
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Tami Kamarauskas
Phone	+113122132558
Email	tamikamarauskas@hotmail.com
Address	4092 Ligustrum Drive Palm Harbor, FL 34685-3631
Comments	Keep permits and fees for tree removal. We need our trees for the health of future generations and prosperity in FL. Too many trees have been lost in hurricanes. Do not make it easy to create more concrete jungles that heat up our environment.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 9:10 PM  
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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item Number: 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Belinda Cazzell
Phone	+17277422302
Email	belcazz@hotmail.com
Address	2667 Crystal Cir Dunedin, FL 34698

Comments	<p>As a Pinellas resident, I very strongly and 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. My own neighborhood has suffered with less shade, more heat due to loss of trees, and loss wildlife. Please don't pass this.</p>
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
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## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**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 , 25-2014A , 25-2023A

Citizen Name Margaret Bowers

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St Petersburg , Florida 33710

Comments As a resident of the area I am opposed to making it easier to remove healthy trees from properties. My neighborhood has lost a number of trees in recent years and has been having increased issues with heat and flooding without a healthy network of trees. Making it easier to remove any trees, including healthy ones will ultimately exacerbate these issues and increase the carbon footprint of the area.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic Protect Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date

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

Citizen Name Brant Bowers

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Email brantnod@gmail.com

Address 9501 US Highway 19 North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Comments My family has lived in Pinellas County for over 25 years. Since moving to our current home, we've noticed over 20 trees removed without replacement. In the past several years, heat, flooding and poorer air quality has increased. Just recently 4 healthy pines were removed. One to make way for a pool (hardscape). I don't think it's a good idea to make it easier to remove the tree that cleans the air and mitigates storm water runoff. Trees removed next door has increased the temperature of our backyard by several degrees. These three proposals should be discarded. They only increase the problems the city has to address.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose



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Topic Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Sanne Kure-Jensen

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Tarpon Springs , FL 34689

Comments As a Pinellas resident, I personally oppose any change to the requirements or permits 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 any reduction in fees to remove healthy trees. We should make it harder not easier to remove healthy trees. Shade trees reduce our need for air conditioning and our carbon footprint from fossil fuels. We need to do everything possible to reduce extreme weather patterns. Your vote matters.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 9:48 PM  
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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	Lynette Tate
Phone	+19413564598
Email	lbtate0817@gmail.com
Address	3751 Belle Vista Dr St Pete Beach, FL 33706

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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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 9:51 PM  
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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	Tree Removal Permit Requirment Removal
BCC Agenda Date	1-19-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Casey Wilson
Phone	+118137327239
Email	caseums1@hotmail.com
Address	2429 Waterview Court, Palm Harbor, FL, USA PALM HARBOR, FL 34684
Comments	Please continue to require permitting for the removal of HEALTHY trees on residential property. Thank you!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**From:** Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 10:04 PM  
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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Tree Removal Permitting

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Sean Farrell

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Email Mfbeats21@gmail.com

Address 5935 Bay Lake Dr N  
St.Petersburg , FL 33708

Comments Pinellas county continues to loose it's trees. Many of the common trees people have removed have been around for many decades; and for some, hundreds of years. Healthy trees are already being removed illegally and there should be penalties in place with tree company being held accountable. These trees have provided shade, cooling, erosion control, clean air, and beauty to county roads and neighborhoods. These plants need protection and free passes shouldn't be handed out to alter Pinellas county's environment and landscape.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**From:** Pinellas County Clerk of Court <noreply@mypinellasclerk.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 10:24 PM  
**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A, and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Chris Mueller
Phone	+1+18023495732
Email	cem.hmm_14@yahoo.com
Address	2042 Australia Way W Clearwater , FL 33763

Comments	<p>I'm gobsmacked that anyone would consider allowing people to remove healthy trees. I'm not sure this is even enforced! But to give it a green light is do incredibly shortsighted. Utterly derelict in maintaining a healthy and livable county. Already Pinellas is too congested and the air quality is less than great. Shade is important. Duke has massacred all the trees along Belcher. Makes me so angry. What are you thinking? Don't uou live in this county?! All the damage from the hurricanes means we need to replenish trees NOT remove them! I just picked one up from the urban forestry team to plant at my church. Eliminating the barriers to protect trees just makes me want to move. Please listen reason and do the right thing. Sheesh.</p>
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
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## DiNapoli, Francesca

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**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 11:06 PM  
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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Tree ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and

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Address 1231 Monticello Blvd N  
St. Petersburg , FL 33703

Comments As a longtime resident of Pinellas County I strongly oppose any weakening of our tree protections. Our mature oaks are one of the things that give our peninsula its special character. When I moved here almost 20 years ago I was struck by the way even a trailer park became more welcoming and home like with the presence of a few grand old oaks. The destruction of any lovely old oak that is healthy or that can be made healthy steals value from every resident who has invested their lives in this community. We need our tree protections to be strengthened, not weakened, because without all the benefits we get from our lovely tree canopy, Pinellas County would be nothing but urban sprawl on a shrinking sandbar.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Tree removal ordinance Pinellas County

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 252014A and 252023A

Citizen Name Patrice Yantz

Phone +17276433207

Email missmoneypennywill@gmail.com

Address 8999 91st Ter  
Seminole , Florida 33777

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Our Tree Canopy  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A  
Citizen Name MICHELE TUEGEL  
Phone +117274580099  
Email tuegelart@msn.com  
Address 9130 35th Street North  
Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Comments As a Pinellas resident for 45 years, 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. Vote NO!

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose



## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date

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

Citizen Name Diane Flanagan

Phone +17275819287

Email macmillion.lynn@yahoo.com

Address 700 Starkey Road  
Largo, FL 33771

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

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic	Tree Removal
BCC Agenda Date	1-19-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009 5
Citizen Name	James Forbes
Phone	+14073760710
Email	jforbesmusic@gmail.com
Address	2148 Chianti PI 2148 Chianti PI, 2148 Chianti PI 2148 Chianti PI
Comments	Save our trees!! Cutting down trees in Pinellas County an awful idea and needs to be stopped. We need more trees not less. Respect nature
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	J.B. Ciesielski
Phone	+18888888888
Email	jbc@bridges4edu.org
Address	2331 Harrison Drive Dunedin, FL 34698
Comments	We need more trees, not fewer. Please protect our trees.
Your Stand on the Issue	

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-22-2026
Agenda Item Number	25 2014a
Citizen Name	Janet Carroll
Phone	+117273034563
Email	muledoghowdy@gmail.com
Address	620 Vine Ave DUNEDIN, FL 34698
Comments	
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-22-2026
Agenda Item Number	25 2014a
Citizen Name	Janet Carroll
Phone	
Email	muledoghowdy@gmail.com
Address	620 Vine Ave DUNEDIN, FL 34698
Comments	
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Ellen Balaban
Phone	+16318770210
Email	harvey17@optonline.net
Address	1804 MARINER DR Tarpon Springs , FL 34689
Comments	Save the trees!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Tree removal

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Natalia Arcila

Phone +17277234035

Email arcilan@msn.com

Address 617 58th Ave Ne  
St Petersburg , FL 33703

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! I have lived in pinellas county for over 35 years. It's starting not to look like the Florida I once knew. So many unnecessary changes and nothing is being done to try to preserve what our cities used to look like. Old piness and oaks are being torn down and developers are planting 2 palm trees in place of them.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic	tree ordinance
BCC Agenda Date	1-22-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Bruce Turley
Phone	+117273019677
Email	bktnursery@gmail.com
Address	1991 67th Ave S Saint Petersburg, Florida 33712
Comments	Please leave our critical tree protection rules in place!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose



## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic	Protect trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-1-2026
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Richard Brant
Phone	+17277983763
Email	unionrick@yahoo.com
Address	913 jeffords street Clearwater, FL 33756
Comments	Please don't weaken protections for our trees
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Norene Dagly

Phone +17278219093

Email ndagly@hotmail.com

Address 1144  
St Petersburg, FL 33705

Comments Plant more trees. Replace those lost due to storms. We need the shade and the cleaner air trees help to improve. Trees are noise reducers. They quiet and enhance a peaceful neighborhood.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect Pinellas Trees

BCC Agenda Date

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Diane Schimkat

Phone +17274036304

Email schims4@yahoo.com

Address 2152 Edythe Dr  
Dunedin, FL 34698

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect Pinellas County Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A

Citizen Name Mary Bartholomew

Phone +17277764601

Email Mtbartholomew@hotmail.com

Address 555 Loudon Ave  
DUNEDIN, FL 34698

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect Our County Trees

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2014A

Citizen Name Mary Bartholomew

Phone +17277764601

Email Mtbartholomew@hotmail.com

Address 555 Loudon Ave  
DUNEDIN, FL 34698

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect Our Trees  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2023A  
Citizen Name Mary Bartholomew  
Phone +17277764601  
Email Mtbartholomew@hotmail.com  
Address 555 Loudon Ave  
Dunedin, FL 34698

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 Keep the trees  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A  
Citizen Name Sydney Hauser  
Phone +12157649622  
Email sehauser@eckerd.edu  
Address 3540 17th St N  
St Petersburg , FL 33173

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Keep the trees  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2014A  
Citizen Name Sydney Hauser  
Phone +12157649622  
Email sehauser@eckerd.edu  
Address 3540 17th St N  
St Petersburg, FL 33713

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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**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	Keep the trees please
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2023A
Citizen Name	Sydney Hauser
Phone	+12157649622
Email	sehauser@eckerd.edu
Address	3540 17th St N St Petersburg, FL 33173
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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Tree ordnance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number

Citizen Name Kathy Blikken

Phone +19402305348

Email K.Blikken@gmail.com

Address 2614 Cove Cay Dr  
Clearwater , Florida 33760

Comments Please continue to protect healthy trees throughout our county. They provide environmental and asthetic benefits. The proper variety in the proper places enhances community appeal, provides environmental places for wildlife, cleans the air and reduces heat from the sun. I strongly oppose any changes to the existing ordnance that allows removal of beneficial, healthy trees.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Ruthanne Arnold
Phone	+13096747887
Email	RLA1247@AOL.COM
Address	8333 Seminole Blvd Seminole, FL 33772
Comments	We NEEDED our trees! They recycle our air for us. They help keep our temperatures down. So often they are replaced with concrete and asphalt roads. They take along time to regrow. Please do all you can to protect them.
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Tree Removal  
BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026  
Agenda Item Number 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A  
Citizen Name Joseph Vinciguerra  
Phone +17274619630  
Email joewarwire@gmail.com  
Address 1676 Whitewood Drive  
Clearwater, FL 33756

Comments In our area, dozens of trees were removed after the 2024 hurricanes. I'm afraid there is a possibility of tree removal companies feeding into the fears of home owners and exploiting that to their own benefit. I wish I could attach a photo I took of a tree that had been cut down just one street away from me that had a trunk of about FIVE FEET in diameter. It was truly shocking!

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic	Permits tree
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 25-2014A. 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Susan Burnham
Phone	+17275151077
Email	sumburnham@yahoo.com
Address	6289 93rd Ter N 6289 93rd Ter N, 6289 93rd Ter N 6289 93rd Ter N
Comments	Please do not allow them to just remove trees because they don't want them if it's a good healthy treat.
Your Stand on the Issue	Support

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Mary Gerken

Phone +117275514518

Email agreatpickle@hotmail.com

Address 1345 15th St N  
St Petersburg, FL 33705

Comments Trees are ESSENTIAL for clean air, to slow winds, for the health of civilization. I personally oppose any elimination of the permit to remove healthy trees on residential property. 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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Changes to Pinellas County tree ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Nick Bell

Phone +114155955250

Email nbell94102@yahoo.com

Address 106 14th Avenue NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Comments As president of the Historic Old Northeast Neighborhood Association in St. Petersburg, I represent the board of director's opposition 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 as trees reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels that are creating more extreme weather patterns.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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Topic Tree Ordinance revision

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Samantha

Phone

Email

Address

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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**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	Elimination of permits to remove healthy trees
BCC Agenda Date	
Agenda Item Number	
Citizen Name	Christine Huerta
Phone	+17274812124
Email	huertacm@msn.com
Address	209 OLD OAK CIR 209 OLD OAK CIR, 209 OLD OAK CIR 209 OLD OAK CIR
Comments	We should continue with permits to remove healthy trees.
Your Stand on the Issue	

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Eliminating Permits for tree removals

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Jane Allen

Phone +17277723258

Email Janiewallen@hotmail.com

Address 222 26th Ave South  
Saint Petersburg, FL 33705

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

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 9:18 AM  
**To:** BCC Agenda Comments  
**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic removal of permits for the removal of healthy trees on residential properties

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

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

Citizen Name Crystal Durnan

Phone +18503416886

Email nearnorth@gmail.com

Address 4233 73rd St N  
St Pete, FL 33709

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

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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**From:** Scott, Brian  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2026 9:43 AM  
**To:** Chaney, Coleen  
**Cc:** Clerk Board Records; Revie, Derelynn H  
**Subject:** FW: Agenda items 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A

**Categories:** Francesca

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**From:** jallyn727@gmail.com <jallyn727@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 4:48 PM  
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**Subject:** Agenda items 25-2009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A

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I am concerned that some commissioners are in favor of eliminating the county's tree removal ordinance entirely.

Especially in a highly-developed, urban area like ours, the benefits of a healthy tree canopy are essential and extend to all members of the community. Climate change is an additional factor that makes it imperative that we protect and expand the urban forest, not enact legislation that will endanger it.

The amendments to the current tree ordinance have some disadvantages, such as a steep reduction in the amount of funding available to plant native trees and remove invasive species from public areas. However, I believe it is an improvement over the current ordinance, which often dictates unreasonable compensatory actions for those who may have legitimate reasons for removing tree(s) on their property.

Therefore, I support adopting the amended tree ordinance as previously proposed by Building and Development Review Services. I also support increased funding in the county budget for tree planting and invasive removal.

<https://treepeople.org/22-benefits-of-trees/>

Sincerely,  
Jan Allyn  
9629 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue N, Largo, FL 33773  
m:727-244-0312 | e:jallyn727@gmail.com

*The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts. —Bertrand Russell*

## DiNapoli, Francesca

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**To:** Chaney, Coleen  
**Cc:** Clerk Board Records; Revie, Derelynn H  
**Subject:** FW: Trees

**Categories:** Francesca

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**From:** Priscilla <priscillakidder5@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 19, 2026 6:16 AM  
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I am surprised to see that Pinellas County is considering removing permitting required for tree removal. This is a mistake. Kathleen, this is the current law  
Local governments cannot require permits for pruning/removing trees if an ISA certified arborist or FL licensed landscape architect provides documentation that the tree poses an unacceptable risk. No replanting is required.

If you remove this last protection of trees you are telling the voters that trees are not important here in Florida. You are telling the voters in this most densely populated county in FL that you do not value trees.

Here is the simple truth. If you prevent the ground from being hit by the sun, it doesn't heat up as much. If you allow roots to penetrate the soil and break up the ground, water can infiltrate and does not run off as much.

Trees can reduce as much as 20,000 pound of CO2 in a year, not to mention stormwater runoff and rainfall intercepted. Trees remove sulphur dioxide and remove ozone pollution. So yes, as many protections on trees as possible are what we need.

We need to breathe. We need to avoid rainwater runoff and flooding. Trees are necessary.

Please take 3 minutes to read this UF article about trees and their value to Florida.

<https://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasotaco/2023/08/10/climate-solutions-planting-trees/>

Please take a moment to become informed on the value of trees.

Priscilla Kidder  
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## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic Tree Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2014A

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## DiNapoli, Franchesca

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Topic Protect our TREES!

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Agenda Item Number 25-2023A

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose



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Topic Precious Trees in Pinellas

BCC Agenda Date 1-20-2026

Agenda Item Number 25-2009A

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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**Subject:** NEW BCC AGENDA COMMENT

Topic	Trees
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A and 25-2014A and 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Shirley Johnson
Phone	+17273664400
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Address	2210 Utopian Dr. E Clearwater, Florida 33763
Comments	Please protect our trees!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic Tree ordinance changes

BCC Agenda Date 1-19-2026

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

Citizen Name Ilaria Merizalde

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Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Comments Trees are already not protected enough. A while ago a contractor proposed removing five protected pines, no questions no permits needed. However, I wanted to do my due diligence and eventually removed them because of the arborist explaining the reason. There are too many contractors that will just cut down trees without respect or consideration. The rules are lax as it is and not being enforced. Making it even easier to remove trees is another step in the wrong direction. It is very important to have shade to protect from extreme heat and other weather events. just compare the heat in neighborhoods with lots of shade versus no shade. The difference is easy to see. Besides, shade trees also increase property value; nice neighborhoods have more trees as many people do like reduced cooling costs in the summer and not walking outside the front door into an oven.

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

## Nguyen, Julie

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Topic	Tree Ordinance
BCC Agenda Date	12-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009A, 20144A, AND 2013A
Citizen Name	Kathleen Arsenault
Phone	+117274810851
Email	kathy.arsenault@gmail.com
Address	767 36th Avenue North Saint Petersburg, FL 33704-1245
Comments	I vehemently oppose the proposed new tree ordinance. Most cities are rapidly increasing their tree canopies to fight global warming. It is crazy to advocate removing any trees, except for "trash trees" like carrotwood trees!
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

## Nguyen, Julie

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Topic	Tree Protections
BCC Agenda Date	1-20-2026
Agenda Item Number	25-2009, 25-2014, 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Christine Pribyl
Phone	+117278663241
Email	pribylchris@hotmail.com
Address	1475 67th Ave. So. Saint Petersburg, FL 33705
Comments	Removal of palm trees should be simplified, but do not weaken current protections for healthy trees
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose

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Topic	Permits to remove healthy trees on residential properties
BCC Agenda Date	
Agenda Item Number	25-20009A, 25-2014A, 25-2023A
Citizen Name	Nancy Neumann
Phone	+12534268384
Email	NancyNeumann@t-online.de
Address	315 Court St Rm 117 Clearwater, FL 33756-5165
Comments	My parents were Pinellas residents, and as an overseas resident I vote in Pinellas County. 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