

OMB Granicus Review

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| Granicus Title | Case No. LDR-25-02 (First Public Hearing) An ordinance of Pinellas County, Florida providing for the amendment of the Pinellas County Land Development Code, Chapter 138 - Zoning and Chapter 166 - Environmental and Natural Resource Protection to more effectively regulate the county's tree permitting process, and revise tree replant and landscaping requirements for residential and commercial properties. | | | | |
| Granicus ID# | 25-1822A | Reference # | | Date | 21-NOV-2025 |

Mark all Applicable Boxes:

| Type of Review | | | | | | | | | |
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| CIP | | Grant | | Other | X | Revenue | | Project | |

Fiscal Information:

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| New Contract (Y/N) | N/A | Original Amount | N/A |
| Fund(s) | 0001 and 1013 | Amount of Change (+/-) | N/A |
| Cost Center(s) | 100200 | Total Amount | N/A |
| Program(s) | 1262 and 1395 | Amount Available | N/A |
| Account(s) | 3290001 and 3540200 | Included in Applicable Budget? (Y/N) | N/A |
| Fiscal Year(s) | FY26 | | |

| Description & Comments |
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| (What is it, any issues found, is there a financial impact to current/next FY, does this contract vary from previous FY, etc.) |

Summary

To amend the Pinellas County Land Development Code (LDC), chapters 138 and 166 of the Pinellas County Land Development Code; providing for and amending the regulation of trees and landscaping; amending provisions related to nuisance species and invasive species; amending plant material specifications; amending non-residential and multi-family landscaping standards; amending the approved species list; providing for severability; providing and amending definitions; providing for inclusion in the Land Development Code; providing for scrivener's errors; and providing an effective date.

The Local Planning Agency (LPA) has reviewed the amendments and have found them to be consistent with the Pinellas County Comprehensive Plan and has recommended approval.

The ordinance updates will result in reduced costs associated with tree placements requirements and required landscaping. Will also reduce mitigation fees associated with the payment-in-lieu option to the Tree Bank Fund.

Fiscal Impact

General Fund: The proposed ordinance is projected to impact the General Fund, with a 10% increase in "Tree Only" permits generating approximately \$3,090 in additional revenue.

Tree Bank Fund: The ordinance's revised mitigation methodology is projected to reduce Tree Bank Fund contributions by about 60%, from an estimated \$300,000 to \$120,000. The current Tree Bank Fund balance is \$3.8M.

Analyst:
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Ok to Sign: ☒