

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: Ordinance 2018-775

Sponsor: Council Member Crescimbeni:

Date of Introduction: November 13, 2018

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS

Date of Analysis: November 16, 2018

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: The ordinance appropriates \$300,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for a County-Wide program to provide tree planting in the public rights-of-way where trees have been removed by the City due to tree condition; it appropriates \$200,000 from the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, for a County-Wide program to provide tree planting in the public rights-of-way in locations where adjacent property owners have made requests through 630-CITY; the ordinance approves, and requests the Mayor to direct the Department of Public Works to administer the two programs in accordance with the criteria provided; it provides for a carryover of funds into subsequent fiscal years.

Background Information: The Tree Commission voted to recommend the creation of two types of tree planting programs. The Tree Commission is an advisory body created to encourage the efforts of various public and private entities concerned with the conservation of the City's tree canopy. The Tree Commission recommends that the Public Works Department administer the two tree replacement programs.

\$300,000 is appropriated for the Tree Replacement Program. Trees will be replaced when trees within the public-right-of-way is damaged, dead, in impending decline or become a hazard to the public health, safety and welfare. The Public Works Department can remove said trees so long as (1) the tree removed is replaced within six months, (2) the species of replacement tree is contained in the "Tree Commission Approved Tree Planting List," and (3) the location of the replacement tree is approved by a City Arborist and is in close proximity to the tree removed.

\$200,000 is appropriated for a 630-CITY Tree Planting Program to plant trees within public rights-of-way in locations where adjacent property owners request trees through 630-CITY. The funds would be expended when (1) a property owner enlists the City's help through 630-CITY requesting the installation of a tree in the right-of-way adjacent to their property. The Public Works can install a tree approved by the Tree Commission's List. (2) the location and species must be approved by a City Arborist. (3) the request may not exceed two trees within a one year period per property owner request unless otherwise approved by the Tree Commission.

Policy Impact: The Tree Commission/Department of Public Works

Fiscal Impact: The ordinance appropriates \$500,000.00.

Analyst: Jackson