



**CITY OF VENICE
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor / City Council

FROM: Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director

SUBJECT: July 9, 2019 Presentation - Draft Tree Regulations

DATE: July 1, 2019

The purpose of this presentation is to provide City Council with an overview of the draft tree regulations and obtain feedback regarding the direction of the City's first tree regulations. Specifically, the feedback we are seeking is, "Are we moving in the right direction or does something need to be changed?" The draft regulations were presented to the Planning Commission on June 24, 2019. Some of the feedback the Planning Commission provided included:

- More clarity regarding regulations related to single family homes. What permits do I need regarding tree removal or tree trimming?
- Clarify the recent state law pre-emption on tree permits for single family properties.
- Need to ensure the City has a robust educational program for Citizens and Professionals.

Included in your agenda packet is a copy of:

- ✓ June 20, 2019 Draft Tree Regulations.
- ✓ Copy of Current Sarasota County Tree Regulations (for comparison).
- ✓ Draft Fee Schedule.
- ✓ Comparison of proposed Draft Fees with other jurisdictions.

Please note that the presentation will likely include discussion of further changes not yet incorporated into the draft. Further, the draft also does not include comments/revisions from the City attorney. Moving forward, staff and the consultant will continue to receive public input and make revisions to the draft regulations through July and the first part of August. My intent is to have the first public hearing on a final draft with the Planning Commission on August 20, 2019 and first reading of the ordinance with the City Council on August 27, 2019, with final adoption on September 24, 2019. This schedule will allow for the effective date of October 1, 2019 consistent with termination of the current interlocal agreement with Sarasota County.