



DPO 9 TEXT AMENDMENTS

TREE CANOPY, LANDSCAPING, & SCREENING

September 24, 2019



PURPOSE

Healthy, Mature Canopy

Preserve, Protect, Enhance

Improve/Calibrate Standards

Enduring Compliance



CHANGES BY SECTION

- 9.1 Purpose & Intention: Aspirations, Goals
- **9.2 Applicability & Administration:** Doc. Reqs., Processes
- **9.3 Tree Coverage & Preservation:** Coverage Requirements, Processes
- 9.4 Street Tree Plantings: Flexibility, Planting Strip Width
- 9.5 Site Landscaping: Reformatted
- 9.6 Parking Area Landscaping: Reformatted
- 9.7 Screening: Discrepancies Reconciled
- 9.8 Installation & Maintenance Standards: Third-Party References
- 9.9 Alt. Methods of Compliance: Relocated/Reformatted
- 9.10 Planting Specifications & Appendices: Consolidated Info.
- **15.3 Landscaping Violations, Civil Penalties:** Violation Types, Procedures

IMPORTANT CHANGES

- **9.2 Applicability & Administration:**
 - » Arborist: Integrated, Collaborative Role
 - » Bonds: Right-Sized (125% of *Landscape* Costs), Feature Warranty
- **9.3 Tree Coverage & Preservation:**
 - » Coverage: Calibrated Using Local Data (STI, TCS, What's Next)
 - » Results = Increased Canopy: Canopy (+18%), Preservation (+10%)
 - » Permitting: Individual Lots (Arborist Consultation, No Fee)
- **15.3.1 Landscaping Violations & Civil Penalties**
 - » Reorganized/Updated: Process, Replacement Criteria
 - » Violations: Calibrated Penalties, Appeals, Non-Monetary Alts.

PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS

- **Master Plans/Permits:**

- » **Arborist Involvement***
- » Increases Coverage & Preservation
- » Payment-In-Lieu Option
- » Enhances Street Trees: Wider Planting Strips; Count Towards Coverage
- » Larger Planted Trees
- » Increases Penalties

- **Individual Lots:**

- » **Arborist Involvement***
- » Retains No Fee for Tree Removal
- » Regulates Entire Lot
- » Increases Penalties with Flexible Application

****Education is Foundational
Principle of Amendments***

ADVISORY BOARDS' REVIEW

- **Livability Board:** Unanimous Positive Recommendation
- **Planning Board:** Unanimous Positive Recommendation
 - » Ordinance Comments Addressed:
 - ✓ Recognize Property Rights
 - ✓ Clarify Bond Applicability + Warranty Period
 - ✓ Highlight Agricultural Exemptions/ETJ Status
 - ✓ Reward Invasive Planting Clearing + Viewshed Preservation
 - ✓ Penalize Pre-Application Clearing
 - ✓ Refine PIL (Softwoods/Hardwoods Distinction)
 - ✓ Reduce Initial Removal Penalty (Individual Lots)
 - ✓ Clarify Partial Damage (Ref. ANSI Pruning Standard)

NEXT STEPS

Decide Ordinance Effective Date
Finalize/Implement Communication Plan
Hire Arborist (Jan. 1, 2020)
Build on Comp. Plan Recommendations

GOING FORWARD

- **Communications Plan:**

- » Town Newsletter (Fall 2019, Education; Winter 2020 Arborist Hire)
- » Digital Outreach:
 - E-Crier Notifications; Website Updates; FAQs; Social Media
- » Stakeholder Outreach:
 - Davidson Connections (Business Community)
 - Trees Davidson/Davidson Lands Conservancy
 - Commercial Tree Contractors
 - Real Estate Agents
 - HOA/Neighborhood Notification

QUESTIONS