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2. Meeting Called To Order/Adoption Of Agenda

3. Tree Ordinance Modifications

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4. Available Board Seats

5. Banbury Cross Pathway Proposals

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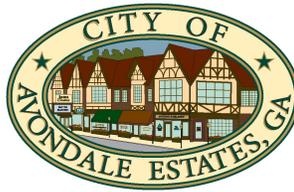
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6. Initial Discussion Of Potential Senior Tax Exemption

7. Public Comment

8. Adjournment



**BOARD OF MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

AGENDA

- Item #1 Meeting Called to Order
- Item #2 Adoption of Agenda
- Item #3 **Tree Ordinance Modifications**
Discussion will continue about ways to modify the current ordinance in addition to adding language clarifying a desire to keep the City's canopy coverage at or above 50-percent. Tree permits and the tree list may also be touched upon.
- Item #4 **Available Board Seats**
The time frame to apply for open seats on the Tree Board and Planning, Architecture and Zoning Board ended August 31st. The BOMC will discuss next steps.
- Item #5 **Banbury Cross Pathway Proposals**
- Item #6 **Initial Discussion of Potential Senior Tax Exemption**
- Item #7 Public Comment
- Item #8 Adjournment

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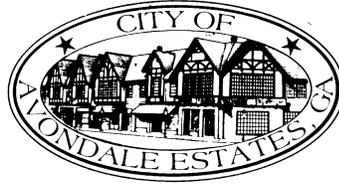
Jonathan Elmore
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Brian Fisher
Mayor Pro Tem

Lionel Laratte
Commissioner

Dee Merriam
Commissioner

Lisa Shortell
Commissioner



Patrick Bryant
City Manager

Robert E. Wilson
City Attorney

Stephen W. Nicholas
City Judge

MEMORANDUM

September 7, 2021

TO: Board of Mayor and Commissioners (BOMC)

FROM: Paul Hanebuth, Assistant City Manager for Finance and Administration

CC: Patrick Bryant, City Manager

RE: Proposed revisions to Chapters 5 and 17 of the Code of Ordinances

The following are proposed changes to the Code based on discussion at the August 25 work session (revised language in **bold**):

Sec. 5-401 (b). Purpose and intent of this division.

Current: The purpose and intent of this division is to prevent the loss of the city's existing healthy tree canopy, lessen the impact of tree removal, educate citizens and property owners on the value and methods of tree protection, and provide recourse to the city and its citizens for the unauthorized removal of healthy specimen trees in the residential areas of the city.

Proposed: The purpose and intent of this division is to **protect the City's existing healthy tree canopy and amplify it whenever possible so that coverage remains above 50% and increases over time, as well as to** lessen the impact of tree removal, educate citizens and property owners on the value and methods of tree protection, and provide recourse to the city and its citizens for the unauthorized removal of healthy specimen trees in the residential areas of the city.

Sec. 5-410 (b). Purpose and intent of this division.

Current: The purpose and intent of this division is to prevent the loss of the City's existing healthy tree canopy, lessen the impact of tree removal, educate citizens and property owners on the value and methods of tree protection, and provide recourse to the city and its citizens for the unauthorized removal of healthy tree canopy within the non-residential areas of the city.

Proposed: The purpose and intent of this division is to **protect the City's existing healthy tree canopy and amplify it whenever possible so that coverage remains above 50% and increases over time, as well as to** lessen the impact of tree removal, educate citizens and property owners on the value and methods of tree protection, and provide recourse to the city and its citizens for the unauthorized removal of healthy tree canopy within the non-residential areas of the city.

Sec. 17-42. Tree Board - Duties and Responsibilities.

Current: It shall be the responsibility of the city tree board to study, investigate, counsel and advise the city manager who will administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. Such plan will be presented annually to the governing body and upon its acceptance and approval shall constitute the

official comprehensive city tree plan. The city tree board, when requested by the governing body shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

Proposed: It shall be the responsibility of the city tree board to study, investigate, counsel and advise the city manager who will administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas **so that the City’s healthy tree canopy coverage remains over 50% and increases over time. To further this goal, such plan should provide for the planting of overstory (large) trees wherever and whenever practicable.** Such plan will be presented annually to the governing body and upon its acceptance and approval shall constitute the official comprehensive city tree plan. The city tree board, when requested by the governing body shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and recommend upon any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

Sec. 17-46. Official tree species list.

Current: No tree may be planted on city property without prior written permission from the city manager. The following list constitutes the official list of tree species that may be planted in city rights-of-way and city parks/greenspaces, respectively.

Botanical name	Common name
Street Trees	
<i>Large street trees</i>	
Acer barbatum	Southern Sugar Maple
Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple
Carya aquatica	Water Hickory
Carya cordiformis	Bitternut Hickory
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech
Ginkgo biloba	Ginkgo
Lagerstroemia fauriei	Japanese Crape Myrtle
Lagerstroemia x (Indian Hybrids)	Hybrid Crape Myrtle
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum
Quercus alba	White Oak
Quercus coccinea	Scarlet Oak
Quercus hemisphaerica	Darlington Oak
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak
Quercus michauxil	Swamp Chestnut Oak
Quercus nuttallil	Nuttall Oak
Quercus pagoda	Cherrybark Oak
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak
Quercus prinus	Chestnut Oak
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak
Quercus x comptonia	Compton Oak
Tilia heterophylla	Southern American Linden
Ulmus americana	American Elm
Ulmus alata	Winged Elm

<i>Medium—Small street trees under power lines (or where root zones are small)</i>	
Acer buergeranum	Trident Maple
Acer leucoderme	Chalkbark Maple
Acer truncatum	Shantung Maple
Amelanchier x grandiflora	Serviceberry
Amelanchier laevis	Allegheny Serviceberry
Carpinus caroliniana	Ironwood
Cercis canadensis	Redbud
Chionanthus retusus	Chinese Fringetree
Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood
Cotinus obovatus	American Smoketree
Halsia diptera	Two Wing Silverbell
Lagerstroemia x (Indian Hybrids)	Hybrid Crape Myrtle
Magnolia x loebneri	Merrill Magnolia
Magnolia x soulangiana	Saucer Magnolia
Magnolia x (Little Girl Series)	Little Girl Magnolia
Parrotia persica	Persian Parrotia
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistache
Quercus georgiana	Georgia Oak

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Botanical name	Common name
Street Trees	
<i>Recommended Overstory (Large) Street Trees</i>	
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum
Quercus alba	White Oak
Quercus falcata	Southern Red Oak
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak
Tilia americana	Basswood
Ulmus americana	American Elm
<i>Acceptable Overstory (Large) Street Trees</i>	
Acer barbatum	Southern Sugar Maple
Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple
Fagus grandifolia	American Beech
Ginkgo biloba (male only)	Ginkgo
Lagerstroemia x (Indian Hybrids)	Hybrid Crape Myrtle
Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum
Quercus alba	White Oak

Quercus coccinea	Scarlet Oak
Quercus hemisphaerica	Darlington Oak
Quercus lyrata	Overcup Oak
Quercus nuttallii	Nuttall Oak
Quercus pagoda	Cherrybark Oak
Quercus phellos	Willow Oak
Quercus rubra	Northern Red Oak
Quercus shumardii	Shumard Oak
Quercus x comptonia	Compton Oak
Tilia heterophylla	Southern American Linden
Ulmus americana	American Elm
Ulmus alata	Winged Elm

This change would remove the following from the large list (crape myrtles moved to medium list):

<i>Carya aquatica</i>	<i>Water Hickory</i>
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	<i>Bitternut Hickory</i>
<i>Lagerstroemia fauriei</i>	<i>Japanese Crape Myrtle</i>
<i>Lagerstroemia x (Indian Hybrids)</i>	<i>Hybrid Crape Myrtle</i>
<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	<i>Swamp Chestnut Oak</i>
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	<i>Chestnut Oak</i>
<i>Ulmus alata</i>	<i>Winged Elm</i>

Mid-Canopy and Understory Street trees	
<i>To be planted only under power lines or where root zones are severely restricted</i>	
Acer buergerianum	Trident Maple
Acer leucoderme	Chalkbark Maple
Acer truncatum	Shantung Maple
Amelanchier x grandiflora	Serviceberry
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Carpinus caroliniana	Ironwood
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Estimate

ADDRESS

City of Avondale Estates
21 N. Avondale Plaza
Avondale Estates, Ga. 30002

ESTIMATE # 2015

DATE 08/06/2021

EXPIRATION DATE 09/06/2021

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Site Prep Excavate for Path 155' length x 8' width x 8" depth	1	2,000.00	2,000.00
All excavated soil to be used and spread on site			
Stone Granite Cobble 10x7x4	375	18.00	6,750.00
Miscellaneous Mortar	1	1,500.00	1,500.00
Stone #57 Stone 4" Depth	10	180.00	1,800.00
Stone Slate Trail Mix 4" Depth	10	360.00	3,600.00
Miscellaneous Perennial Rye Seed	1	550.00	550.00
Miscellaneous Filter Fabric	1	250.00	250.00
Mulch Pinestraw	40	9.00	360.00

Material pricing is subject to availability at time of order.
No rough grading included-fine grade only.
Only topsoil and/or soil amendments listed in this proposal are included.
Any underground unforeseen objects such as stumps, rocks, drain lines, irrigation systems, etc. will be removed or relocated at a separate cost.
RMG Landscape Solutions will not be responsible for any damage to

TOTAL

\$16,810.00

concrete driveways, stone patios, pavers, etc.

Underground utilities to be located by contractor, not responsible for damaged utilities that are not clearly marked.

A (12) month warranty is included on all plant material that begins at time of installation. Warranty does not cover damage by others, inadequate maintenance, Acts of God, or where a functional automated irrigation system is not in place. Warrantable items are a one-time replacement.

Any items not specifically listed in the above proposal, are not included.

Accepted By

Accepted Date

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Estimate

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City of Avondale Estates
 21 N. Avondale Plaza
 Avondale Estates, Ga. 30002

ESTIMATE # 2026

DATE 08/06/2021

EXPIRATION DATE 09/06/2021

ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Site Prep Excavate for Path 155' length x 6' width x 4" depth	1	2,000.00	2,000.00
All excavated soil to be used and spread on site			
Stone Slate Trail Mix 4" Depth	10	360.00	3,600.00
Miscellaneous Perennial Rye Seed	1	350.00	350.00
Topsoil Budget for Addl soil that may be needed to raise grade at lower end	15	90.00	1,350.00
Mulch Pinestraw	40	9.00	360.00

Material pricing is subject to availability at time of order.
 No rough grading included-fine grade only.
 Only topsoil and/or soil amendments listed in this proposal are included.
 Any underground unforeseen objects such as stumps, rocks, drain lines, irrigation systems, etc. will be removed or relocated at a separate cost.
 RMG Landscape Solutions will not be responsible for any damage to concrete driveways, stone patios, pavers, etc.
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 A (12) month warranty is included on all plant material that begins at time of installation. Warranty does not cover damage by others, inadequate maintenance, Acts of God, or where a functional automated irrigation system is not in place. Warrantable items are a

TOTAL

\$7,660.00

one-time replacement.

Any items not specifically listed in the above proposal, are not included.

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