



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of January 14, 2014
Second reading for the City Council Meeting January 21, 2014

DATE: December 23, 2013
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Tree Advisory Committee Amendment to membership

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances regarding membership of the Tree Advisory Committee of Corpus Christi, Texas.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this amendment is to add the qualification of urban forester for the technical expert position on the committee and change the residency requirement for the certified arborist/urban forester position.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The establishment of the Tree Advisory Committee was approved by city council in February 2013. The ordinance established a five member citizen board including a certified arborist, a representative from AEP, a landscape architect and two at large members along with the designation of key city staff members to serve as liaisons to the committee. Despite recruitment efforts, no applications have been received for the certified arborist position. This designation is very technical and requires a professional certification. The expansion of the position to include urban foresters and accept applicants from areas beyond the city limits will help fill the position and move forward with developing a tree planting and maintenance plan for the City of Corpus Christi.

ALTERNATIVES:

Do not approve the amendment and keep original structure of the Tree Advisory Committee.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

City Council must approve all changes to Boards and Commissions duties and memberships.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance