



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 15, 2021

Re: Zoning Text Amendments - **#A3: 29-1.11(a) Definitions - General - Clear Cutting; 29-4.4(i)(1) Landscaping, Screening, and Tree Preservation - Clearing of trees** (Case #49-2021)

Executive Summary

Approval will amend the Unified Development Code (UDC) to delete the definition of *Clear Cutting* and the single reference to the term within the UDC.

Discussion

The term *Clear Cutting* is a defined term in the UDC that is used in only one location within the code. When a word is only used once within the code, it may be more expedient to use the definition itself within the code.

Staff is proposing to eliminate the definition of clear cutting altogether and replace it in Section 29-4.4(i)(1) with specific language to clearly re-state that no existing trees can be cleared on a site that is greater than one acre in area without the relevant permit being issued.

The Planning and Zoning Commission considered this request at their January 21, 2021 meeting. Staff presented its report. No member of the public spoke during the public hearing. Following limited discussion, a motion to approve the zoning text amendment passed (8-0). It is worth noting the PZC reviewed a draft of the proposed text amendment during three work sessions prior to the public hearing.

The Planning Commission staff report, proposed text amendment sheet, and meeting minute excerpts are attached.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
3/20/2017	Approved Chapter 29 of the City Code, referred to as the Unified Development Code.

Suggested Council Action

Approve UDC amendment A3 as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.