

# City of Bandon

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| <b>CITY COUNCIL AGENDA DOCUMENTATION</b>   | <b>DATE:</b> December 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b> Revising the In-Lieu Donation Amount for Tree Removal in the City Right-of-Way | <b>ITEM NO:</b> 5.2.1                        |

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Parks & Recreation Commission voted at their September meeting to recommend that the City Council increase the voluntary donation for a request to remove a tree in the City's right-of-way from \$50 to \$150. The City's tree ordinance, 1605, allows a property owner to request removal of a tree in the City's right-of-way and either replace the tree in another location nearby, or pay an in-lieu donation to have a tree planted elsewhere. The city is a participant in the Tree City USA program, which requires we maintain a certain number of trees per capita, so we often strive to replace every tree that is removed.

The Commission reviewed Resolution 14-01 that allows an individual to voluntarily donate funds for the replacement of trees and landscaping, in lieu of replanting, when deemed appropriate. That Resolution was signed in 2014 and the cost for tree replacement at the time was valued at \$50.

The cost of materials and planting has increased since 2014, so the Commission researched current tree prices and determined that trees that are 5-6 feet in height (likely what is needed to meet the code standard of 1" at 4' tall) cost around \$150. A draft resolution is attached for your review.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Anticipating that we continue to receive around 15 requests for tree removal per year, we may see a modest budget for tree replanting depending on how many people choose to pay the in-lieu donation. Currently, tree planting events are primarily volunteer-driven and have use Public Works funds.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Discussion only at this time. The Council may direct staff to present this Resolution for a vote at the next meeting.

## **SUBMITTED BY:**

*Dana Nichols*

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Dana Nichols, *Planning Manager*

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF BANDON, OREGON, REVISING THE DONATION PROGRAM IN LIEU OF  
PLANTING A TREE WHEN REMOVAL OF A TREE IS GRANTED

WHEREAS, the City of Bandon has adopted Ordinance 1605 regulating tree and landscape removal on City Property and rights-of-way ; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1605 allows for individuals to voluntarily donate funds for replacement of trees and landscaping, in lieu of replanting, when deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 14-01 was adopted by the City Council on January 13, 2014, establishing a voluntary donation amount of \$50; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission has determined that \$150 per removed tree or shrub is an appropriate cost for replacement of removed trees and landscape based on current tree pricing; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bandon support the Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bandon hereby revise the voluntary donation in the amount of \$150 per tree or shrub that is removed, to be contributed to the tree planting and maintenance fund, in lieu of replating by the applicant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

ADOPTED by the City Council this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.