

FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Legislation No: O-32-14

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Legislation Title: **Forest Conservation Requirements and Standards in the City of Annapolis**

Description: For the purpose of adopting requirements and standards for forest conservation in the City of Annapolis; providing forest stand delineation and forest conservation plan requirements; providing exceptions to Chapter 17.13 of the City Code; providing for variance procedures; and all other matters generally relating to forest conservation in the City of Annapolis.

Analysis of Fiscal Impact: This legislation authorizes a Forest Conservation Fund for payment in lieu of tree replacement, reforestation and afforestation. The fund shall be used for tree planting on city property, removal of a dead or existing tree, and the watering of a new tree on city property. The fund may also be accessed for tree planting on private property within two feet of curb if the written consent of a property owner is obtained. The fund cannot be used to plant or maintain trees on single dwelling unit residential lots.

The reforestation and afforestation fees and noncompliance penalties collected under section 17.13.095 are to be deposited in the Forest Conservation Fund and the department may use the fees and penalties for purposes related to implementing Chapter 17.13. The fees and penalties will be set by resolution of the City Council. See Resolution 38-14.

The costs of implementing the Forest Conservation Program cannot be determined at this time.