



STAFF REPORT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

To: Mayor Gavin Buckley
From: Sally Nash, Director of Planning and Zoning
Date: July 23, 2021
Subject: O-33-21, Tree removal on private property

There are two main purposes of this ordinance. The first is to make changes to “Tree Conservation Areas.” These areas are currently defined as “the same areas as the legally defined front, side or rear yard setbacks of any residential or commercial property as described in the zoning regulations of the City of Annapolis.” The new proposed definition would be “areas between a public right-of-way and a building or structure. The proposed legislation would differentiate tree removal permission to the following:

At four and a half feet above the ground:

The tree is less than 5 inches in diameter	May be removed
The tree is between than 5 inches in diameter and 23 inches	Needs a permit to be removed
The tree is greater than 23 inches	Needs a permit and the City arborist must inspect the tree and find that the tree is showing signs of decline or is a hazard.

The ordinance adds a new mitigation requirement for trees that are more than 23 inches in diameter—the mitigation would be 4 trees.

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