

**Tree ordinance**

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Hello again,

I'm just writing again because I heard that the tree ordinance is being updated. I would like to put in a request to add a guideline that trees are never trimmed in the spring when birds are nesting and that native trees such as oaks are preserved. It is also healthier to prune trees when they are dormant. I would also like the city to add a tree replanting requirement whenever a tree is taken down-- preferably with native species and not trees like crape myrtle, which do not offer much habitat value.

Thank you,

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