

RESOLUTION NO. R2025-16

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TREE PRESERVATION/MITIGATION FOR HILLTOP OAKS SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, City Code Section 98-22 requires a subdivision plat applicant to, in the development of his or her project, preserve trees within the subdivision that are eight caliper inches or larger ("significant trees"); and

WHEREAS, alternatively, the Code Section allows the developer to mitigate the removal of significant trees by planting trees at a ratio of one caliper inch per each caliper inch removed, except in cases of significant trees being eighteen caliper inches the ratio is two caliper inches for each caliper inch removed;

WHEREAS, the Hilltop Oaks Subdivision is a single-family subdivision approved for development within the City of Burnet; and

WHEREAS, as part of the preliminary plat application, the applicant provided a tree survey; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has proposed to remove 124 caliper inches of significant trees twenty-four caliper inches or greater; and

WHEREAS, the applicant represents it is impractical to plant mitigation trees and requested to pay a fee in lieu of mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Findings. The recitals set out above are hereby approved and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section Two. Approval. The request to pay \$100.00 per inch for the removal of significant trees twenty-four inches or greater is approved.

Section Three. Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized to accept payment in the amount of \$12,400.00 from the applicant as a fee-in-lieu of the tree mitigation required for the Hilltop Oaks Subdivision; and apply such funds for the enhancement of vegetation around the city. The City Manager is further authorized to execute such instruments and take such actions as may reasonably be necessary to facilitate the purpose of this resolution. However, nothing in this resolution shall prevent the applicant from opting to mitigate the removed trees as authorized by the City Code rather than paying the fee-in-lieu to fulfill his obligation under the City Code.

Section Four. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Section Five. Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval as prescribed by law.


PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 11th day of March 2025.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS



Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Maria Gonzales, City Secretary