LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Sherri Myers

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL TO THE PLANNING BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 12-6-4(4) – LANDSCAPE AND TREE PROTECTION (NOTICE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA.

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council refer to the Planning Board proposed amendments to Section 12-6-4(4) – Landscape and Tree Protection (Notice) of the City Code.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Recently a situation occurred wherein landscape plans for a project were approved prior to a permit being issued. Signs were posted, as required by the code, however there was some confusion about the process of approving landscape plans prior to the two-week required posting of signs requesting tree removal. The project was the Caliber Carwash on Creighton Road.

This item seeks to add clarity to the code by including the following language:

"prior to the final approval of any landscape or tree protection plan where a protected species and/or heritage tree removal is requested and prior to the requisite building, site work, or tree removal permit being issued"

Because this proposed amendment is contained within the Land Development Code, the first step is a referral to the Planning Board for review and recommendation.

PRIOR ACTION:

February 25, 2021 – This code section was amended by City Council.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

1) Proposed Amendment to Section 12-6-4(4) of the City Code

PRESENTATION: No