

RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE,
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A REVISED TREE POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City adopted a Tree Policy and Master Tree Plan List for City-owned public right-of-ways and parks on June 15, 2010 which includes 51 varieties of trees; and

WHEREAS, even though the Policy allowed for only 51 varieties of trees, there are 121 varieties of trees in existence in the City; and

WHEREAS, not all of the 121 varieties are appropriate for the City's parkways, which increases maintenance costs due to each species requiring different care and pruning cycles; and

WHEREAS, due the increase maintenance costs with each species requiring different care such as tree pruning ranging from two to eight year cycles depending on the species and damage to City sidewalks and encroachment onto private property, City Council approved a revised Tree Policy on April 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City, through TreePeople, recently completed installation of 1,000 trees in parkways and open spaces provided to the City free of charge as part of the I-5 Freeway Expansion Project remediation and provides an opportunity to revisit the Tree Policy and revise it where necessary; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends adding Municipal Code enforcement and penalties and presenting special requests to the Beautification Committee to consider and make a final determination.

WHEREAS, the City's Tree Policy is in need of revision to address, general editorial changes, department name change, appeal process and Municipal Code changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE AND DETERMINE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The revised Tree Policy is hereby approved.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2020.

Ivan Altamirano
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lena Shumway
City Clerk