Tree Replacement/Planting
In–Lieu Fee
Proposed Ordinance

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Submitted in PWG Committee
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Item No.: 2
Deputy: Cam from the Board of Public Works

Presented By:
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What Was Requested?

1. Remove Reference to Protected Trees (LAMC 46.03).

2. Clarify When In-Lieu Fee will be Used.

3. Add Equity Language or How Funding Would Work to Equitably Fund Use.

4. Include Audits (Review) and Financial Reporting of Collected Fees.

NOTE: Request 4 is not part of the proposed Ordinance but rather recommend that Board report back annually to City Council.
What Problem Do We Want to Fix?

- Many Trees Go Unplanted or Not Adopted and Eventually Die in our City Nursery. About 32% of Trees Not Going in the Ground (from 2015–2016).

So Why Not?

- Quality of the Stock
- Age of Tree Stock (root bound due to time)
- Type of Tree Species (mis-match due to space or location)
- Size of Tree
- Care for Inventory
What This Concept Will Not Do?

- Will Not Be Easier to Obtain a Tree Removal Permit
- Will Not Circumvent the Tree Removal Permit Process
- Will Not Allow a Developer to Pay the In-Lieu Fee to Avoid Planting Trees (Note: A Feasibility Determination is Required by Board or Planning Director’s Decision)
- Will Not Apply to Protected Trees
How Does the Tree Removal Permit Process Work at Public Works?

Determine Permit Type

Board of Public Works Deliberates. They either Approve, Deny, or Amends Permit

If 3 or more OR Protected Tree, then BSS sends to Board of Public Works

If 1 or 2, then Chief Forester (UFD) Approves

Determine No. and Type of Tree to Be Removed
Planning Department Approval Process